

one. Although Labour business managers were only cau-tiously optimistic last night that they could align all minor parties behind their campaign to thwart privatisation, the discovery that the bus operator Stagecoach is interested in the province's 209

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terested in the province's 209 miles of track and 22 stations raised hopes of an ambush with Unionist backing. A Government defeat would not stop rail privatisation-be-cause the legislation is al-ready in place through the 1903 Relivance Act Housen the Government. 1993 Railways Act. However. it would be a buge vote of no | sation of services in Northern

As the Government pressed ahead with with publication of the pathfinder prospectus, Railtrack's chairman Bob Horton brushed aside ques-tions on his future under a Labour government. The \$159,000 former BP executive insisted that he intended to offer his services to the company once his contract ex-pires next March.

He also dismissed criticism of the company's decision to pay sharsholders a 269 mil-lion dividend from profiles counting on the support of the 25 Liberal Democrat MPs, but accepts that the handful of Tory waverers, including Sir Keith Speed and Hugh Dykes, are unlikely to vote against

made while the company was in state ownership. Mr Horton insisted that the The Government has al-ways maintained that privatipayment would be taken into account by investors in set-

ting the price tag.

Mr Vincent's departure is connected to the inquiry. A spokesman for Winchester, which has a salary bill of 255 million for its 48 employees. confirmed Mr Vincent had resigned, although no public announcement had been made. Mr Vincent was said to have been planning to leave the board as long ago as November. He is expected to keep his 50 per cent shareholding. Winchester, based in the

Hampshire city, admitted in February that City supervisors had raised concerns about a series of deals struck with the Chilean copper com-pany Codelco. A spokesman for the SFA last night said that the dialogue with Winchester was continuing.

first Commons defea 90 maintenance since last week's byelection failure cut his majority to depots 40,000 bridges,

viaducts, tunnels 11,500 employees

the rest of the complex priva-tisation reviewed. Labour is

policy, just as ministers are hoping to tempt investors into the SLS billion Railtrack flotation. The willingness of the nine Unionist MPs to use their clout for local purposes, as they did against Jim Calla-ghan's minority Government in the late 1970s, is a sign of the power they wield in maintaining Mr Major's credibil-

confidence in an important

Labour has initiated the debate and will put down a formal motion today calling for the £1.8 billion flotation of ern Ireland rail services. Railtrack to be scrapped, and | The highly acquisitive com-

Ireland should "follow rather But Jimmy Knapp, leader of the RMT rail union, conthan lead franchising in Great Britain". demned the payments as acandalous.

Despite a recent reorganiza-tion of the railway company, Revealed in the small print of the Railtrack prospectus, chief executive John Edthe timetable for "full franchising" is now said to be simply under review, and the Uister Unionists are keen for monds has had an 18 per cent salary increase £168,000. Non-executive directors are enclarification. Yesterday Keith Bill, secretitled to receive an annual fee tary of the Save Our Railways of £10,000 plus £500 for attend-

campaign, representing unions and passenger groups, said that Stagecoach has exing each meeting of a board committe Leeder comment, page 8; Notebook, page 11, Outloo page 12.



A golden sauce-boat in the exhibition of Trojan treasure that opened in Moscow yesterday

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Trojan gold glitters

out of Bonn's reach

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The SFA, which has been investigating Winchester for more than a year, was un-aware last night of Mr Vincent's departure. Under company law Winchester is obliged to inform its regula-tor of all boardroom changes. Mr Vincent won his nick-name because of his consumate skill in playing the metals market. After starting Winchester, he quickly established himself as one of the most influential traders in the world markets, controlling almost a third of the total turnover in the London cop-MOTOGRAM: SERGE KARPUNHN | per market.

Have a say

Labour steers Short from spotlight after tax gaffe

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspond

CENIOR Labour offi-Scials yesterday pulled Clare Short, the shadow transport secretery, from further media interviews, fearing more blunders after she refused to back down on comments that middle income earners

In a clear sign of their waning confidence in Ms waring connecte in Ms Short, they also decided to cancel a press conference planned for today, when she and other members of Labour's transport team were due to answer questions about tomorrow's critical Commons rail pri-

vatisation debate. Ms Short's remarks to a Sunday morning TV pro-gramme blew a hole in Tony Blair's new campaign to present his party as a party of low taxation, allowing the Conservatives to put an abrupt end to

Labour's glory in the wake of its resounding by-elec-tion victory in Stafford-shire South-East. Ms Short said that people like her should contribute

more under a "fair" tax Speaking on Radio 4's system -- in sharp contrast to Mr Blair's view that sisted that her remarks on

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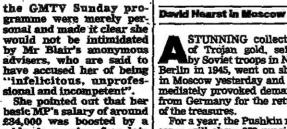
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middle income earners should pay less tax under Labour. She earns £34,000 a year, and receives a widow's pension. Her husband was a former Labour minister

party officials by continuing to address the issue, di-verting media attention from Labour's campaign to destabilise the Government's £1.8 billion flotation

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For a year, the Pushkin muwidow's pension (her late seum will show 259 precious husband was the former artifacts uncarthed by a Ger man archaeologist, Heinrich Schliemann, in 1873 and hid den in its vaults since the end

point, below which Tony Blair said last week that people might pay less tax under Labour.

Ms Short was also fiercely critical of the way her comments had been seized upon by the media, and said: "It's like a con-

spiracy to stop politicans talking honestly, so you get robots who just clone what they are told to say out of press releases." Within minutes Radio 4

was reporting "sources close to Mr Blair" as saying that as she was in a hole "she should stop digging". Within the hour, her dep nty, Brian Wilson, was

handling TV media appearances from Glasgow.

World News

They are also claimed by Turkey, the location of what Schliemann claimed was the site of the city of Troy. Opening the exhibition, the museum's director, Irina An-tonova, was undaunted by the steely glances of the German ambassador, Ernst-Jörg von Studnitz, sitting behind her. She said she was happy the

Pushkin could now show to the world what she had spent most of her working life deny-

"What is happening here today is a second archeologi-cal discovery," she said — the return to humanity of masterpieces which had been "out of

culture" for a long time. Mrs Antonova should know. It was she who buried

was then known in the Pushkin's vaults on August 10, 1945, after personally accom-panying the "evacuation" of the war booty by the Soviet army from occupied Berlin.

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For almost 50 years Moscow denied it held the collection. President Boris Yeltsin ad mitted the truth in 1993. Mr Von Studnitz said the

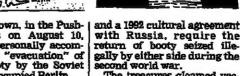
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exhibition was a step towards normality, but Bonn wanted the items back.

fill existing agreements," he said. Bonn says a 1990 treaty



today IT FELL OFF THE BACK in the future of Britain and a 1992 cultural agreement with Russia, require the

second world war. The treasures gleamed yes terday as if they had come straight from the goldsmith's workshop. Filigree hair-pins, crescent-shaped earings. lock rings, a gold diadem worn by Schliemann's wife, golden chalices, a collection of three ritual hammer axes made from lapis lazuli - and the star of the collection, a golden twin-handled sauce-boat. Above the glittering array, Turn to page 2, column 7

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Old war horses shy from new tricks



ownership, unilateralism, full employment, a repeal of all Tory employment, a repeat of all Tory employment (ie, anti-union) legislation and a stronger role for unions within a peoples' party. In short, it is deeply sceptical of the modernising tendency. Blairing and all the tendency, Blairism and all Its works — and Labour's paymasters from south of the border still use the tartan

Peter Hetherington

"HE old class warriors couldn't hide their distress. Behind the makeshift book stalls they peddled their wares: tracts by V. I. Lenin, F. Engels and three updated views of the man himself, "Marxism in the 90s".

"Forty six years with communism and I haven't changed any ideas." whispered Eric Park, a retired engineering lecturer beside les of Fidel's coffee on the Cuban solidarity stall and a revolutionary bestseller. Che Guevara's motorcycle diaries. "I look at the mess of this terrible world and, you know, its all down to capitalism. Terrible isn't it?

If he and other delegates to the Scottish TUC couldn't bring down capitalism they certainly could — and did — scheme in the past to take control of unions' conference agendas for the annual seaside season, "I don't want to sound McCarthy ite but these hard left wing organisations in unions did plan to take control of Labour by block votes — and that was initiated right here." confided Roger Lyons, general cretary of Britain's fourth largest union. MSF, representing largely white

collar workers. Once, Mick McGahey, the miners' leader, thundered from the platform about the evils of a market economy and share prices fell. Capitalism took a little knock: the Scottish TUC was that important.

Yesterday, in Edinburgh, the old war horse lumbered back to life — a pale shadow of the beligerent beast that sent shock waves through the City. but an animal with the capacity to embarrass New Labour, nonetheless. This is the last bastion of old

Labour: an annual gathering where political correctness still determines a strict

adherence to public

gathering as a means of easing their innermost political frustration, as letting off steam as Jimmy Knapp of the rail union RMT might say. Well he did — almost. "This," he thundered in his gutteral Ayrshire tones, "has always been the radical cutting edge of the movement — and it still

Rodney Bickerstaff, genera secretary of the public services union Unison said that Blair's rush to the centre was getting out of hand. "Make sure you do not reach so far that you can't reach the ones who are desperate . . . I am sure that Labour in government will do that. They cannot be any worse than the lot that are in at the moment -

I think." So if Tony Blair wants "fairness not favours" from the unions, he will get few good turns from this lot. neone has to stand up and say things that perhaps are not acceptable," confesse Campbell Christie, general

secretary of the 700,000nember Scottish TUC, which has lost almost a third of its members since he took over 10 years ago. Today it will be the job of George Robertson, the shadow Scottish secretary and a former union official, to tell a

few home truths. He plans to say that Labour will not return to the 1970s. But while hard words sounded in the hall, a little

new realism was to be found too. It came on a stand erected by the new Scottish coal company, an enterprise by the STUC, the miners union and workers, that emerged form the ashes of privatisation. A good example of Baroness Thatcher's share owning

democracy? "Sometimes you have to be pragmatic to deliver the goods," said Mr Christie. He's a non executive director of the company. A new capitalist, with a social conscience perhaps



Cbildren give victory signs as they flee northwards yesterday in a car damaged by Israeli strikes on the town of Nabatiyeh in south Lebanon

West in disarray over Israeli offensive

British ministers at odds as Peres rejects unilateral French moves to secure ceasefire against Hizbullah in Lebanon

As the French envoy set off, Israel's prime minister, Shi-mon Peres, said bluntly that an Black in London and Derek Brown in Jerusalem he was not ready to negotiate an end to the five-day-old air and artillery blitz against Hiz-bullah guerrillas, code-named ESTERN efforts t broker a diplo-matic solution to the fighting in

Operation Grapes of Wrath. "It is too early to negoti-ate." Mr Peres said when asked what were Israel's con-ditions for an end to the most ebanon were in disarray las night as Israel rejected French calls for a ceasefire and British ministers issued contradictory statements. France's foreign minister serious military action in the Middle East since the Arab-Hervé de Charette, was meet-ing Israeli leaders before trav-elling to Syria and Lebanon Israeli peace process took off in September 1993. EU diplomats criticised France for ignoring mecha-nisms for co-ordinating fortoday in a move that was con spicuously unco-ordinated eign policy, and complained that Paris was seeking to en-hance its own role after Presiwith its European Union partners, and contrary to United States backing for the Israeli military offensive.

affirmation of Lebanese independence. Western governments have been unable to reconcile the contradiction between their support for the peace process, their opposition to militant Islamist movements, such as Hizbullah and its Iranian sup-

porters, and the fact that is-rael has been occupying part of Lebanon for more than a decade. Lebanon's prime minister, Rafik al-Hariri, before leaving Paris yesterday where he sought sympathy and sup-port, said: "If there were no [Israeli] occupation, there would be no reason for Hizbullah to exist."

Confusion over Britain's position arose when the De-fence Secretary, Michael Por-tillo, on a prearranged visit to Israel, gave strong backing to its attacks.

"I would not describe the Israeli reaction [in Lebanon] as disproportionate," Mr Pordent Jacques Chirac's recent | tillo told reporters. "We look

visit to Beirut and his public (to Israel always to take mea-) bullah actions and we con-) bullah guerrillas, whom Is-affirmation of Lebanese sures which are measured demn them unreservedly." | rael says it is hitting with and which are considered and which are proportionate. I think that Israel is clearly facing a very substantial terror-ist threat from Hizbullah,

which is designed to undermine the peace process." Mr Portillo was apparently relying on the text of a letter he delivered to Mr Peres from John Major, and which was reflected in a highly support-ive statement issued by the Foreign Office last Friday, be the south."

fore the scale of the Israeli operation became clear. Speaking in Brazil at the end of a Latin American tour, the Foreign Secretary, Mal-colm Rifkind, refused to be drawn on whether the Israeli action was proportionate. Diplomats said Friday's statement had been dictated by Downing Street against Foreign Office opposition. It said: "When the peace pro-cess offers a non-violent way forward there can be abso-

lutely no justification for Hiz-

demn them unreservedly." One well-placed source said: "Substitute the name IRA for Hizbullah and you can see very clearly what happened."

Later yesterday the Foreign Office said: "We are disturbed by the increasing effects on civilians, despite Israel's efforts to avoid civilian loss of life, and by the growing hu-manitarian problems as large numbers of people flee from

but we understand the reason thing," one official said. Since last Thursday, Israeli sumfire and air strikes have

killed more than 20 Lebanese and driven an estimated 400,000 from their homes Each day of the assault, Hiz-

rael says it is hitting with "surgical strikes", have fired salvos of Katyusha rockets into northern Israel, wound-

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into northern Israel, wound-ing about 50 people. Mr Peres, who faces a gen-eral election in six weeks time, seemed close to anger vesterday when asked if the Lebanon operation — highly popular with the Israeli pub-lic — had been ardered to boost his campaign boost his campaign.

"In democracies you don't play with the lives of people to make any political advan-tages," he replied sharply.

Several commentators however, have pointed out that Mr Peres, who has effec-tively answered critics who accused him of a dangerous obsession with peacemaking at all costs, is gambling for high stakes with the military high stakes with the military option.

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Treasury denies error in tax 'hole' Trojan gold reignites war row between Russia and Germany

Serah Ryle LLEGATIONS that A sophisticated taz dodges by City firms have caused a shortfall of £6 billion in government VAT receipts provoked fierce de-nials from the Treasury last

& Excise — and City analysts

by as much as to billion. A spokesman said: "We have not only just become aware of the shortfall and we revised the initial prediction night that it had got its sums wrong and endangered the Chancellor's spending plans of £48 billion down to £44 The Treasury is investigat-ing the low haul by Customs billion in the November 1995 Budget.

VAT receipts in the current | of the shortfall was blamed on | raising indirect levies since nancial year are already ex-interesting to be | as quickly as Treasury fore | fect on the VAT take, they financial year are already ex-pected by the Treasury to be £4 billion lower than they orcasters had predicted. Chief UK economist at City bank Nikko, Simon Briscoe, Consumers have had to bear more of the overall tax ginally hoped, although offi-cials hit back at claims that

their calculations were adrift said: "More companies are burden through increases in taking tax spending seriously, as are individuals, and more people are learning ways of paying less tax. But a much, much larger cause is struc-tural changes in the economy. A lot of money is now being

spent in a way that doesn't "It has been fully factored attract the attention of the the labour market, which gov- the objects from the site in

VAT on retail goods, but the recession meant much lower spending on the high street. Companies, however, have had been given a lower share of the overall tax bill to pay

than previously. And a structural change in poem the Iliad. But later ar-chaeologists have concluded

Continued from page 1 lay a simple inscription from Pushkin, who wrote when he troops, he said, but only 259 pieces were on show. We look forward to the possibility

to see in the nearest future the other 1,240-odd pieces." saw a statue from ancient Greece: "I listen to the van-ished sound of divine Hel-But had Dr Dube had the

lenic speech." Schliemann claimed his opportunity of seeing the 17th century Russian church blown up by the SS in 1941, or find, donated to the German any of the 427 Russian muse-ums destroyed by the German army during the war? He adstate in 1881, had belonged to King Priam, the king of the ancient Greek city of Troy featured in Homer's epic mitted he had not.

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Nobody could follow the logic of restitution in kind, he said. "You can't replace destroved icons with

The Russians believe you

It south." It said it was sending its di-rector of Middle East affairs, John Shepherd, to Beirut for talks with the Lebanese government. "It's not true to say we support the Israeli action, as to why it was initiated, which is a rather different

Lightly waltzing with an elephant

John Fordham

Review

Ray Brown/Steps Ahead Cheltenham Festival

HERE'S hardly an instrument used in jazz that ambitious players haven t managed to recreate in their own image. Even so, the double bass is still a formi dable proposition. This instrument, with

strings that look thick enough to hold up a suspension bridge, and which requires the player to embrace it as if waltzing with an elephant. mercilessly sorts out the giants from the rest. Ray Brown, the bass legend, issued some breathtaking reminders in the Town Hall at the first, and excellent, Cheltenham Jazz Festival on Sunday.

Brown has been a bass star for close on five decades, and is one of the first to sustain the independent momentum demanded by bebop without smudging the intonation or losing the swing-era art of making improvisations sound like songs. He showed he still had the knack in Sunday's show, in which he led a trio also featuring the young American piano virtuoso Benny Green and drummer Greg Hutchinson. The repertoire of the long set was straight enough - Seven Steps to Heaven. My Favourite Things, Freddie Freeloader -- but on uptempo tunes. Brown's headlong pulse and thumping attack galvanised the remarkable eloquence of Green, who unites an Art Tatum-like complexity of counter-melodies, bursts of high-stepping baroque-sound-

ing symmetry, and episodes of teasing minimalism reminis-cent of the MJQ's John Lewis. But it was Brown's unaccompanied playing that caused jaws to drop, as al-

ways. One long improvisation sustained his claim to remain one of the world's most perional and musical of bas players. Flamenco-like chords shimmered away into barely audible harmonics; there were fleeting quotes from Hall Of The Mountain King, of all things, achingly-sustained slow glides up the fingerboard and harp-like high arpeggios. all delivered as if every whisper was precious. Mike Mainieri's Steps Ahead, who play Ronnie Scott's in London this week, performed at the Everyman Theatre at the same time as Brown, but even a short sam pling of this edition of a pioneering fusion band suggested they incline more to a rigorous postbop (although of a tricksy, jump-cut kind) than the tedious disco-Miles clon-ing of their last record. They The Roots Salutes The Saxo-phone band of reed-playing ceweek, and featured nothing as mesmerising as Golson's improvisation on I Remember

ien economy. the Treasury estimates and so another blow to the official

even opened the set with an adaptation of an Aaron Copland piano sonata that sound ed like the Brecker brothers. Robocop: The British TV version of the film is seen as a gem of over-the-top censorship lebrities, including Benny Golson and Arthur Blythe, initially played more hesitantly than at Ronnie Scott's last Clifford. Nevertheless it in-cluded a spontaneous bassdrums conversation between Buster Williams and a mischievous Ed Thigpen on Lester Leaps In that was one of those out-of-nowhere defini-tions of the spirit of jazz.

Survey finds increase in otter population on English waterways

OTTERS are making a recovery on English waterways after being poisoned and hunted almost to extinction in the 1960s, icrites Paul Brown.

Research shows there were four times as many otters in 1995 as there were 15 years previously at 2,940 sites on English rivers. In a 1977-79 survey there were otters at 170 sites, in 1965 '86 at 284, and

now at 687. The rise has been accompanied by a drop in wild American mink — escapees from fur farms which took over otter habitats. The larger, stronger otters have driven out the mink. Orphaned otters or those recovering from injury have also been released into North language and violence when Yorkshire by the Vincent Wildlife Trust, which carried t is transmitted again. Rowan O'Sullivan who, as out the survey.

are claiming that a key cause of the black hole in the Govspending arithmetic. We are waiting for the announce ernment's finances, set to be announced this week, is the VAT loss in the booming hidment on Thursday because until then we do not know ex-actly what the VAT revenue has been." But he admitted that the Treasury was concerned that it had overestimated the VAT The City expects the Gov-ernment's Public Sector Bor-rowing Requirement to be 232 receipts for the 1990s as a whole and was seeking expla-nations with the help of Cusbillion, £3 billion higher than

Chancellor in the hidden ernment figures have shown growing as a result of a rising into the Government's public And HSBC economist Ian Shepherdson said: "These things may be running at a higher level now."

But they also blamed the Government's own changes to the tax laws for the reduction in VAT revenue.

A shift in emphasis from boosting revenue through income tax rises to getting more money out of consumers by toms & Excise, He said some

number of part-time, low-paid 2,500 BC, some 1,300 years bejobs has also reduced the po-tential for tax revenue. Mr Briscoe said: "There has been a modest growth in em-ployment but I believe firms are still shedding the sort of middle-income, full-time and pensionable jobs which would bring the sort of tax receipts

we would expect to find given the current growth rates."

Berlin, which means I am the real owner of this collection." There were 1,500 pleces in the three boxes removed from the Berlin museums by Soviet

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fore the Homeric era. Dr Wolf-Dieter Dube was can. The minister of culture. Yeveeny Sidoroy, made few another unhappy German bones about why Moscow was present at yesterday's exhibi-tion: "I am the general direcshowing the Trojan gold. "We want to present precise data about our losses in the years tor of the state museums of of war. We want restitution,

be said. In other words, the Trojan gold is likely to stay in the Pushkin for some time,

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TV viewers shocked by toned-down Robocop

Alex Sellos

ROBOCOP, the sci-fi movie best remembered for its comic-book vio-lence, is still offending viewers almost a decade after its original release. Audiences watching it on television have

been shocked by polite lan-guage and sickened that it was not violent enough. welfare." Angry viewers have bom-barded local ITV stations with calls, saying the televi-sion version has been censored so much that the film has been ruined. Public outrage has even prompted television executives to consider reinstating some of the bad

version, itself a drastic re-edit it is transmitted again. Rowan O'Sullivan who, as Michael Winner, Robocop's violence si LWT's compliance officer. is director and censorship seriously."

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responsible for censoring out-put, said Robocop, broadcast at 10.05pm on Saturday, well after the watershed, attracted more complaints than any other film this year. He said: "One can't help but notice that un here watershed, attracted ''Normally what attracted ''Normally what people were making their volces heard. "Normally what making a disproportionate amount of noise." he said. notice that we have taken too much out of a film like Robo-

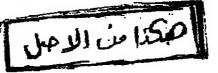
cop. Maybe we have gone too far in looking after people's The British TV version of

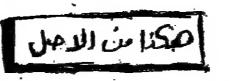
Robocop is generally regarded as a gem of over-the-top censorship, with the F-word overdubbed enterprisingly and the violence so reduced that the plot is hard to follow. Mr O'Sullivan said the British version took five minutes off the US television

"British television is cen-sored beyond belief. I'm sure it didn't say 'Robocop, Scenes Thereof in the Radio Times. They should be got under the Trade Descriptions Act."

But Mary Whitehouse, founder of the National View ers' and Listeners' Associa tion, said: "People that make that kind of complaint are only concerned about their own interests rather than the well-being of society as a whole. Anybody who cannot give up a little bit of film in order to reduce the climate of

violence should not be taken





NEWS 3



The latest three-monthly figures for the **Guardian show** that its readership rose by 19.6%* against the same period a year ago. From December '95 to February '96 we had an average of 1,419,000 readers

Keeley Hawes, above left, in Karaoke, and, left to right, Michael Grade, Albert Finney and Alan Xentob. Finney plays a writer who believes his characters are coming alive

Plays that are pure Potter produce a posthumous put-down

Barrage of complaint precedes TV dramatist's 'fitting memorial'

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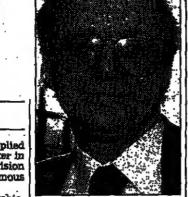
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Andrew Cuif Media Correspo

ENNIS Potter supplied the leading character in his two final television dramas with a posthumous put-down of his critics.

In one of many autobio-graphical twists in Karaoke and Cold Lazarus, to be screened in a £10.3 million collaboration between the BBC and Channel 4 this month the dying writer Dan-iel Feeld declares from his hospital bed: "I am out of here in the morning and can afford to offend whomsoever I

Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1, and Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4. acting with slightly less lee-way, launched a staunch de-fence yesterday of Potter's



Potter: Raced to finish project before death

watchdogs of more than 40 four-letter words in eight hours of drama. Mr Yentob said after a screening of the opening epi-sodes: "Dennis would neither

screening of the opening end sodes: "Dennis would neither needlessly affend the audi-ence, nor paronise them." Mr Grade said the contro-versy was hysteria about a few four-letter words. It of Feeld, which has been fro-them fourwould be perverse of those likely to object to sit down and watch it just to be of-

content and context is everything," he said. The two dramas were made

in accordance with the dying wishes of the playwright, whose previous work in-cluded The Singing Detective and Lipstick on Your Collar. His extraordinary request for a "fitting memorial" came in a Channel 4 interview with Melvyn Bragg two months be-fore his death from cancer in June 1994.

During the 80-minute inter-view, fortified by champagne. black coffee, cigarettes, and morphine, he asked for the upprecedented arrangement between the two channels 'since it is my last work, and since I have spent my life in

elevision". Two years later Karaoke, starring Albert Finney as Daniel Feeld, a writer who be-

zen, revived in a hi-tech lab-oratory. It will be screened on Channel 4 on Sundays, from

Rosemarie Whitman, one of Snake, rape

emotional commitment from all of us is huge — we cried every episode." Earlih Trodd, her fellow producer, said: "There were many times that we were watching it, that it was best we were in the dark. It does the set the heert and we com weeping as slamming of playwright's door echoes

Nancy Banks-Smith "O H, BUT they say the onforce attention like deep harmony," as John of Gaunt said. Following this up with a hymn to England and a brisk ticking off for his penham Iz rages a day instead of 10 to complete the project before his death, said: "I did not doubt that he would finish them ... I think it is a bril-liant piece of work." Mr Grade said he believed

ticking off for his nephew. The dying Dennis Potter, using emotional blackmail so cheerfully blatant it makes the works were among Pot-ter's finest: "You cannot divorce from the work on the screen the circumstances in which they were written. It has given them a dimension cheerfully blatant it makes your eyes water, shotgunned the BBC and Channel 4 into marriage. At his insistence they will show Karaoke and Cold Lazarus, which he wrote against the ticking of the can-cer clock, in tandam from the end of April to the middle of June. A discreet divorce will of poignancy and truth that puts them into the premier-ship of Dennis's enormous canon of work."

Mr Yentob said: "They marit being taken extremely seriously. They rank with the best, but it is difficult for us to judge — it is up to the public."

Director Renny Rye said: "I don't know if Potter was ever very pure, but if they are pure

run by a couple of comic, foul | head's memories will be a TV mouthed monsters. Martina, renewed by youth pills and a | tists realise the head is aware renewed by youth pills and a string of young studs, makes the happy pills — and Slinz, a multi media mogul, makes the pappy programmes. England doesn't exist. Star-ing at Professor Emma Por-lock (Frances de la Tour), an incarnation of formidable starchiness, Slitz says: "There may not be an Eng-land any more but there's still the English." "There will always be an England," says Professor Porlock tersely. This got both a laugh and apand dead head

This got both a laugh and applause at the National Film Theatre where both were shown over the weekend. This England is preserved in the cryogenically frozen head of Daniel Feeld (Albert

Finney), essentially Potter himself. His frozan eyelids move. He is dreaming, as a dog dreams of rabbits, of a goal at Craven Cottage, of Wilson Keppel and Betty, of Oxford, of children singing "When I wake with the blest fool".) In the mansion of rest, Will cer chock, in tandam from the end of April to the middle of June. A discreet divorce will then be arranged. Karaoke is predictable Pot-ter. Cold Lazarus is not. It is a rollicking sci-fi spectacular set some 400 years from now. Not a nice place. You will the mansion of rest, Will there be any stars in my crown?" There is always a snake. In this Eden where the bracken is thick as clotted tramp. The dead bead weeps. Slitz and his specialist in sexual arousal and erectlie

The project went well over budget but Kenith Trodd, the producer of both plays, was determined not to skimp on the mint sauce in what he called the Last Supper of tele-vision deema vision drama. There is one moment at the end of Karaoke where Albert Finney takes a mike and lip syncs to Bing Crosby's Pen-nies From Heaven. And the whole cheap joint falls silent

Meet Ruth.

first mortgage.

against 1,186,000 for the same period last vear. The of its own violation, Potter went out with a bang. You could hear the door slam behind him. As Daniel Independent's siam behind him. As Daniel Feeld says: "I'm out of here in the morning. I can afford to offend whomsoever I choose." (Which reminds me, in Kar-aoke, Daniel Feeld disas-trously uses the name of a real man in his play. Oddly enough, there is a real Daniel Field too, a well known, but not apparently well known, but not apparently well known, but not apparently well known enough, hairdresser. Desper-ate lines of dialogue like "Feeld with two ees" sound as if this hair-tearing point was noticed rather late in the day. Never mind ... nice man ... drinks his own shampoo to show it's wholesome ... prob-ably won't mind being de-scribed as "that drunken fool".) readership fell by 21.6% during the same period and the Telegraph by 7.5%. The Guardian's rise was the largest year on year increase of all

quality and Sunday

papers.

*Figures supplied by National Readership

tng at the heart and you can-not express what your feelings are." Sarab Potter, who watched as her exhausted father wrote 12 pages a day instead of 10 to

television, and since that life has not been insignificant in

lieves the characters in his latest film are coming alive, will be screened on BBC1 on

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Alex Bellos

cept money from the grandson of a man convicted at the Nur-

emburg war crimes tribunal. Dr Flick wrote to the uni-

David Pallistor

N 85-year-old man who moved to England in 1947 from the Soviet Union yesterday became the first person in Britain to face trial on war crimes charges. Szymon Serafinowicz, from Banstead, Surrey, was com-mitted for trial at the Old Bailey on three counts of murdering an unknown Jaw in Byelorussia – now Belarus – while it was under Nazi oc-cupation in 1941 and 1942. The chief metropolitan

magistrate, Peter Badge, sit-ting at Dorking magistrates court, said there was insufficient evidence to commit on a fourth similar charge. A fur-ther charge was abandoned by the Crown Prosecution Service at the start of the bearing

trial will be the first under the 1991 War Crimes Act, which allows charges to be brought against people res-ident in Britain for alleged of fences in Nazi-occupied Europe.

Europe. Mr Serafinowicz, a tiny, frail man dressed in a neat sports jacket, a tartan shirt and a large flat cap, sat silently in the dock as Mr Badge read out his judge-ment His sons Kazimierz, 49, and Szymon, 52, were in the mublic callery public gallery.

The former carpenter settled in Surrey after the war with his Polish-born wife, who died some years ago. During the 22-day commit-

tal, at which reporting restrictions were not lifted, the court heard from 16 wit-nesses from Israel, Siberia,

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versity saying he wanted his name removed from the chair and his endowment money Szymon Serafinowicz: facing three counts of murder

He said: "I would like to thank the university whole-Jews in the villages of Kryniczne and Dohnatowszczyzna and the town of Mir between heartedly for its unwavering support, for which I shall always be grateful." A statement from the uni-versity last night said: "The University of Oxford has November 9, 1941, and March 1, 1942, "in circum-stances constituting a viola-

tion of the laws and customs of war, contrary to common law". Nicholas Bowers, his solici-tor, said in a statement after-wards that Mr Serafin, wicz maintained his inhocence. today accepted with regret a request from Dr Gert-Rudolf Flick that his name be removed from the new university chair in European thought which he funded for a "He has instructed me to pre-pare a full and vigorous de-fence. In fact he is looking for-ward to establishing his improvement before a jury " five-year period (1995-2000), and that his endowment be

"The university will of innocence before a jury. The magistrate granted legal aid for the trial and ex-tended Mr Serafinowicz's ball on condition that he lives and course continue to support the chair of European thought, which is attached to Balliol College and held by Professor John Burrow." sleeps at his home, or at a The Flick chair had caused place he names to the police. He was ordered to surrender

any passport he might hold and not to obtain any travel

nent Jews, such as Lord Wei-denfeld, said a line had to be drawn under Germany's Nazi past and said Balliol should

BRT-RUDOLY Flick, ibe millionaire grand-Dr Flick's grandfather, Friedrich, built up one of Ger-many's richest industrial emson of a Nazi war criminal, has pulled out of funding a professorship at Ballioi College, Oxford, after a year-long controversy about whether or not his money was tainted. Balliol College had given its backing to the Flick chair in European thought, which was to be funded by a £350,000 donation, but the decision was criticised by dons who be-lieved it was unethical to acears. in 1950.

splitting his fortune between his grandsons, Dr Flick and his brother, Friedrich-Christian.

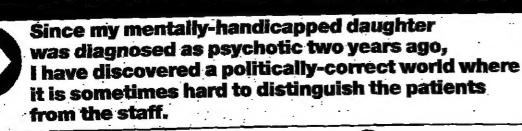
Supporters of Dr Flick said his inheritance stemmed from the rebuilding of the Flick empire after the war, while his critics say wartime profits made with slave labour was the seed-corn to finance the post-war recovery. Dr Flick tried to calm the

furore at Oxford by denounc ing the Nazi regime. In a letter published in the

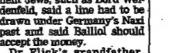
this opportunity of relterating my total abhorrance of what took place in Germany during the Third Reich, and to express again my profound personal shame for the involvement of my grandfather in these dreadfal events.

"I have, however, always felt that the fact that I bear the name of Flick should not preclude me from attempting, in a small way, to help improve things for my own and subsequent generations

enguish within Balliol and the Jewish community about Some dons also accused the United States. The charges are that Mr Ser-afinowicz murdered three for file Old Balley on May 10. United States. The charges are that Mr Ser-afinowicz murdered three for file Old Balley on May 10. United States. The charges are that Mr Ser-afinowicz murdered three for file Old Balley on May 10. United States. The charges are that Mr Ser-afinowicz murdered three for file Old Balley on May 10.





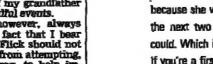


pires, with products ranging from munitions to Mercedes Benz cars. He was an adviser to Heinrich Himmler and allegedly used 40,000 slave labourers. After the war, he was sentence to seven years jail, and was freed after three

He died in 1972, aged 89

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Language is power, corrupted pupils told

John Ezard on McDonald-led attempt to raise standards

Campaign yesterday opened its offensive against falling standards by putting the slogan Language is Power into every JobCentre in Britain.

Launching a 12-point pro-gramme to improve writing and speaking, the ITN newscaster Trevor McDonald warned: "The tiger economies of the Far East are in some ways making greater strides in English than we are".

Mr McDonald, chairman of the £250,000 government funded campaign said: want every young person to understand that language is a source of power. To be able to speak and write good, clear English gives you a head start in the jobs market.

Schools can't do it all on their own. If the rest of us are not maintaining standards we can't expect the schools to hold back the tide."

According to official fig-ures, half of last year's GCSE pupils got below grade C or were ungraded in English. The leaflet, due for display

in 1,100 JobCentres, asks: "Do people listen to what you say? Do you get what you want out of conversations with hanks and building societies? Are you ever tongue-tied?" Other initiatives include

you ever tongue-tied?" popularising misspellings Other initiatives include sending journalists into Three girl headlines. school workshops, lobbying

HE Better English employers and recruiting vertising Standards Author-Campaign yesterday writers like Roger McGough, ity and town planning offiwriters like Roger McGough, Beryl Bainbridge and Melvyn Bragg for classroom sessions. cials to act against firms which deliberately misspell So far campaign leaders, who include several journalwords in shop logos or adver-tisements. Her blacklist insts, have avoided attacking cluded Toys 'R' Us, Spud U Like, the cutprice foodstore chain Kwik Save and the vetelevision, radio or news papers for corrupting chil-dren's English. But this deblcle tyre chain Kwik-Fit. Ma Maher, a self-educated Liverpudlian who founded

mure convention was breached twice yesterday. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the teachers the successful Plain English Campaign — on which Better English is modelled — said: "I know from my own life how people can be hurt and damunion NASUWT, said in a barbed welcome for the initiaaged by bad use of language

'Kids see names like Kwik Save in blazing lights

in the high street' tive: "English is a living lan-

guage but some of the tabloid newspapers are throttling it to death. Teachers wage a constant

battle to persuade pupils to follow good examples from school rather than bad exam-The campaign's most out-spoken member, Chrissie Maher, criticised tabloids for

Davis, chairman of the Basic Skills Agency, said: "The business case for better English is clear. Firms will be much less likely to win and keep business if people get it

Wrong. "We would like people to have the same sense of pride as the French in their

how they can be put in little boxes and written off as unintelligent.

"Kids see names like Kwik Save in blazing lights in the

high street and constantly ad-vertised on TV. These things are now a bigger influence than their teachers.

"They start to write the

words wrong. I think a stron-ger guard should be kept on

Another member, Peter

And she called on the Ad-



Major gives vote of confidence to mark Queen's 70th birthday

monarchy.

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O'Clock News to mark the

Vivek Chaudhary

OHN Major yesterday said the monarchy was "rock solid" and most Britons felt they would be no better off without the

Despite the royal family's troubles and calls for a shakeup in the role of the monarchy, Mr Major said that any changes should be "gentle" and consistent with the 'rhythm and tenor of the

He conceded that the recen problems of the royal family had been unwelcome. "But

job it does is, in some respects, different. So it does respects, evolve. "I'm sure it will continue, country having anything other than a constitutional

but what those changes will be is impossible to say in ad-vance. That there will be changes, I think is certain, but they will be gentle and they will be consistent with the rhythm and tenor of the "And, I believe when people Would we be better off without a monarchy?' they will in-stinctively come to the con-

age." He said: "The monarchy is a very powerful institution and I think this Queen is a clusion that we would not be better off without a very fine exponent of consti Sue Oudon Mr Major made his comtutional monarchy. So I think ments during a pre-recorded interview on the BBC's One

the monarchy will emerge from its present troubles. I have no doubt about that." Mr Major praised the Queen's understanding of her

Queen's 70th birthday on April 21. He admitted the monarrole. "She has a very acute chy's role had changed over the past 50 or 100 years. knowledge and understand-ing, both of the political prothe constitutional monarchy itself, in my judgment, is rock solid. I can't conceive of this is perceived is different. The way it is perceived is different. The way it



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Video clue in machete killing hunt

Duncan Campbell and David Ward

OLICE are studying from a Nottingham club outside which a group of men stabbed another death with knives and

machetes. Barrington Walker, aged 32, who was unemployed and originally from Birmingham, was killed in the car park of the Marcus Garvey Afro-Ca-ribbean community centre in the Lenton area of the city at 2am on Sunday morning. Earlier in the evening trouble started between two

groups of men at another meeting place. Club One. When the two groups moved to the Marcus Garvey centre. fighting started in the men's toilets and spilled outside.

There was what police de-scribed as "a sustained and violent" attack during which Mr Walker was stabbed and slashed. He died of stab wounds to the chest before he could reach hospital. Detective Superintendent Peter Cole, of Nottingham-shire Police, said: "It was a cowardly and unprovoked attack by certainly more than

one person and possibly half a dozen or more. "Mr Walker appeared to have tried to defend himself, using only his hands, and he It provides training for the received numerous stab wounds and quite a severe kicking as well. We are looking for a group of men who set out to altack him." Despite an immediate search of the area by police. no weapon has been found. Mr Walker, who had lived in Nottingham for about eight years, stayed with his girl-friend Sandra Higgins in

Last night, she suid: "He was the best thing that ever happened to me. He was well-liked and had lots of friends who will be devastated by what has happened."

She said Mr Walker had been jailed following a shoot-ing incident in the city six years ago, but she did not be-lieve that had anything to do with the attack on him."

Mr Walker was a regular at the club, which had been havthe club, which has been hit-ing a party disco on the night of the fight. There were around 130 people in the club, which was once a Raleigh bi-cycle company building. when the trouble started. Police are appealing for wit-

nesses to the fight which was thought to have started after an argument about a woman. Film from a number of security cameras at the club is also being studied. Yesterday there were

around 20 bouquets and other tributes at the cates - range ing from a bunch of un-wrapped daffodils to a formal, wrapped arrangement in a basket. "Goodbye left unspoken", said the message on some yellow roses; "You'll be sadly missed" was another. The centre functions both

as a community centre and as the West Indian Cavallers Sports and Social Club.

unemployed and day care for the elderly; there is also a recording studio used by local bands. The social club's raves are famous and attract a wide ethnic mix in a city with the highest Afro-Caribbean population in the East Midlar

Snape Wood, a new estate on the outskirts of the city.

"It can be a bit intimidating on Saturday nights when there are lots of cars outside the gates and people with mo-bile phones," said one local resident. "But I have been to the Friday parties and never

Women's power 'a turn-off' Aids retesting affects 25,000 that almost a quarter of they are unable to perform. men receiving psychosex-al therapy are now being say is that there has been a

substantial change in the way we think about sexual relationships and sexual

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that sex is important for

"Women have begun to

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say, hang on, there's some-one else in the bedroom."

rister acting on behalf of the British Home Office, told the

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Chris Mihili Medical Correc

HE NUMBER of people given suspect Aids tests was reduced to 25,000 by the Department of Health

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Britain renews extradition bid

David Sharrock Ireland Correspo

men receiving psychosez-aal therapy are now being

treated for impotence. For

the first time the disorder has replaced premature ejaculation as the most

common sexual problem for which men seek help.

Counsellors say one

reason for the increase is that men feel stripped of

their masculinity as the

power of women has in-

creased in the workplace and in the bedroom.

According to a Relate

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of women over the past 10 years could be to

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An analysis of 3,693 cases

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relating to Duncan was flawed and in the circum-stances she was not in a posi-**RENEWED** attempt by the Home Office to ex-Irishman suspected of intion to go ahead with the application. After three hours of legal wrangling district court judge Tim Crowley ended the bear-ing and pointed out that it was not the first time in his volvement in the IRA's Eng-land bombing campaign will have to wait until a separate terrorist-related charge against him has been dealt with by the Irish courts. Anthony Duncan, aged 26, personal experience that an extradition case had ended in

failure. "It has happened two or three times in the past that documents have been found from Finglas, Dublin, was charged with membership of the IRA on Saturday, only minutes after the collapse of extradition proceedings against him in an Irish dis-trict court. The extradition to be fatally flawed. I take def-inite exception to this and ob-ject to what has happened." the judge said. On Sunday the Home Office said fresh documents had application was dropped be-cause of "fatally flawed" doccause of "rating haven" doc-uments relating to the case that had been submitted to Dublin by Scotland Yard. The move prompted strongly-worded criticism of the British authorities from been sent to Dublin applying for Duncan's extradition. But because of the charge he now

faces - which carries a maxi-mum five-year prison senthe judge dealing with the hearing. Claire Loftus, the Irish bar-

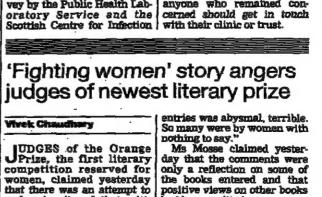


the final version. THE deadline set for the journalist Adam Raphael. Mr Raphael reported in last week's Economist that the of the Economist, to return a leaked copy of a Monopolies Commission backed the controversial proposed multi-billion pound takeovers of Southern Electric by National and Mergers Commission confidential report expired yesterday without any imme-diate action from the Depart: Power and Midlands Electric by Powergen ment of Trade and Industry. The DTI spokesman said: It had threatened to seek a We are still considering our High Court injunction unless Mr Raphael, a former Oboptions." It has warned it would be a criminal offence under sec-tion 133 of the Fair Trading server political editor, complied by 3pm yesterday with a demand to return the report and sign a "gagging order" Act 1973 to publish information which would have been agreeing not to publish details. excis Mr Raphael said; "There The DTI said the report conhas been no formal contact."

NHS laboratories report pect test and were given an incorrect result, as in most that only a relatively small cases it was possible to use stored samples of blood and number of people will need to provide a fresh blood sample. Most people can be retested from stored samples. perform another, reliable test. Originally 30,000 to 40,000

were thought to have been given suspect tests. Helplines Retesting began over Easter and the vast majority are expected to be completed early this week. have been swamped by people who had been told they were. Commenting on the survey, clear of HIV.

The department's statement contained a low key apology to those affected from the Chief Medical Officer, Sir Sir Kenneth said: "Full arrangements are now in place for retesting those affected by this deficient HIV antibody assay and are working well." Kenneth Calman. It also an-The department said that nounced the results of a suranyone who remained con-cerned should get in touch vey by the Public Health Laboratory Service and the Scottish Centre for Infection



undermine it and that criti-cisms of some of the books entered seemed to have been had been omitted. She added: "Both Susan and Val are very annoyed. entered seemed to his taken out of context. Kate Mosse, chairwoman of the judging ganel, claimed that some sections of the press had portrayed a story

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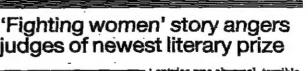
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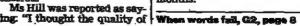
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News in brief

Jackson stage show complaints rejected

THE Michael Jackson performance which led to an on-stage protest by Pulp singer Jarvis Cocker was "open to misinterpre tation" but did not breach any programme code, the Independent Television Commission said yesterday. It had received seven complaints from viewers angry at "apparently religious overtones" as Jackson stretched out his arms and was em-braced by child and adult actors, in what was interpreted by some as a Christ-like pose at the ITV screening of the Brit Awards in February.

The ITC did not uphold the viewers' complaints and said it was "possible to argue on the basis of the words of the song and the choreography of the item that he was attempting to portray himself as a messenger on behalf of disadvantaged people and environmental causes". Robin Meltzer, a spokesman for Jackson's British fan club, MJ News International, said "His perfor mance has been scrutinised because of the controversy, which nal, said: "His perfor was blown out of all proportion simply because he is Michael Jackson, the world's most successful entertainer."

Canal twin died from injuries

A MAN found dead in Regents Canal, north London, where his twin was discovered eight days earlier had suffered severe head injuries, St Pancras coroner's court was told yesterday. Christo-pher Langford, aged 38, was found first and police originally believed that he had drowned. Detective Inspector John Yates said that the cause of Christopher's death was being reinvesti-outed offer the discourse of the Authors Langford areas of days gated after the discovery that Anthony Langford's cause of death was sovere head injuries. He also had other injuries, including broken ribs. His body was found in a blue blanket. "A man has been arrested and charged with the double murder of the twins and is appearing at Highbury Corner magistrates court today." Det insp Yates said of the twins, were born in Bromham,

Bedford, but lived in Islington, north London: "They were well educated, middle class boys who fell away in their mid-teens and fell in with alcoholics and that was their way of life." Christopher had been a landscape gardener and Anthony had been a trainee solicitor. No relatives were present at the inquest which was adjourned. Their father, Jeff, a retired teacher and mother, Lis, still live in Bromham,

Stranded tourists finally Goa

A HUNDRED holidaymakers who were stranded at Newcastie alrort for nearly two days were put on a fleet of coaches for Glasgow airport for a 5pm flight last night to Goa, India.

All the passengers will be paid £100 by Caledonian airlines for the delay caused because their plane which was flying to Scotland from Gatwick could not land at Newcastle because it would have added to the crew's flying hours, take-offs and landings, A landing at Newcastle and then Glasgow would put them over their limit.

400 item price cut

KWIK SAVE, which is selling baked beans at 3p a can and tinned tomatoes for 8p, yesterday cut prices by up to 15 per cent on around 400 products and claimed its campaign could save shoppers up to 25 on a 250 weekly basket.

A spokeswoman for Sainsbury's which has fuelled the check-out wars since the new year, said: "We were interested to hear of Kwik Save's price cuts but the fact remains that the Sainsbury's brand offers the best value for money," The Asda marketing director, Gwyn Burr, dismissed the Kwik Save cuts as a stunt to gain ground after losing its market share in Scotland.

Soya clue to breast cancer

SOY protein found in Chinese food contains chemical compounds SOY protein found in Chinese food contains chemical comportants which appear to mimic the action of the widely-used breast cancer drug tamovifen, according to Helen Wiseman, of the Department of Nutrition and Dieteities at King's College, London, She says this may be why people in Japan and China have such low rates of breast, colon and prostate cancer and could also explain why populations consuming large amounts of soy products have a low incidence of heart disease. Tamoxifen was also believed to pre-vent heart disease and osteoromsis.

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Actress Joanna Lumley celebrates the launch today of a Post Office stamp set commemorating the centenary of the first commercial film show

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Job scheme vulnerable, memo warns

INISTERS have been warned that the Government is vulnerable to a legal challenge that could undermine its job training programme by forcing it to pay the child care costs of unemployed women. Officials say in a confiden-tial memorandum that it is difficult to see how the Gov-ernment could defeat a chal-lenge under European Union

law if significant numbers of women said they were unable to attend the new Project

Offering child care assis ance on Project Work would cost up to 250 million a year. the memorandum says, and might have wide-ranging im-plications for other schemes. Assistance on all schemes would enceed resources. Ministers have resisted calls to help unemployed women re-enter the jobs mar-

ket by covering or subsidis-ing child care costs, even though there is now a concerted drive to reduce the 1 million total of lone parents on income support benefit. Project Work, which started last week on a pilot

hasts in Hull and parts of onstrate they cannot make Kent, is the nearest the Gov- child care arrangements for ernment has yet come to American-style "workfare" schemes making benefit con-

ditional on participation. Under the scheme, people aged 18-50 unemployed more than two years will be required to take part in a 13-week assisted job search fol-lowed, if unsuccessful, by 13 week of work experience

weeks of work experience. Failure to participate in work experience will trigger withdrawal of benefit for two weeks, or four weeks if the failure is repeated, although sanctions will not be applied to lone parents and may not be applied to others who dem-

at least 16 hours a week.

The pilots are due to run until June next year, with a view to the scheme going national thereafter, and are rect discrimination would be expected to involve up to 8.000 proved under EU law if signifcantly more people of one sex

people. The Whitehall memoranwere prevented from joining dum was written earlier this month by Susan McLaren, of the employment policy div-ision of the Department for Education and Employment. the scheme because of their caring responsibilities. "If the figures showed a disparate impact between the sexes.... it is difficult to see how we could objectively justify the policy (the need to limit pub-She recommends ministers not lic expenditure is not consida recommendation the depart-ment yesterday confirmed had been accepted — but warns ered sufficient justification)." She concludes by recom-mending "on balance" to min-

that the "high profile and con-troversial nature" of Project isters that no help with child care costs be offered because Work might make it more vulit would cost too much, but nerable than other schemes to legal challenge. Ms McLaren says that indi-

adds that the department's sex and race equality division disagrees on grounds that not offering help "may run con-trary to the department policy of removing barriers to work for women". Paul Convery, director of

the Unemployment Unit pres-sure group, said last night: "We have known for over a decade that child care responsibilities do prove an obstacle to people who want to join training and work experience initiatives. It is clear they should be considered for Pro-

Drugs clue to 'contract killing'

Stephen Lyle

WO possible contract killers were being hunted by police in Manchester yesterday after separate sheetings on Sunday evening laff one man dead and another seriously wounded.





Vivek Chaudhary
RIENDS of a farmer who
committed suicide
 claimed yesterday that he was facing financial ruin

scare started.

splashed the BSE scare.

cause of problems with beef. A man can spend all day and

every day working alone." The Samaritans have recently highlighted the problem of farmers committing suicide, claiming that it could



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Work scheme because of lack of help with child care. David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

vent heart disease and osteoporosis.

At a meeting of the Biochemical Society at Liverpool university, Dr Wiseman suggested that oriental food may help to protect some women against breast cancer. Soya beans, soya milk and other soy products contain bloactive substances called isoflavonolds. Like tamoxifen, they may stop the female hormone cestro-gen acting on the breast where it can cause cancer.

'Flesh bug' mother dies

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JILL MASKELL, aged 29, who contracted necrotising fasciftis, a so called flesh eating bug, days after giving birth to a healthy girl at Hillington hospital, north London, has died, it was disclosed yesterday. She had been transferred to Dertiford hospital, Plymouth, and was received pioneering oxygen treatment in a recom-pression chamber at the Fort Bovisand hyperbaric medical

are revealing few details sbout either incident but are not roling out the possibility of them being contract

hootings. It is not thought the two in-idents are related. Neither victim has yet been named but the dead man is understood to be Anthony Constantinou, aged 36 and known in Manchester's underworld as Tony the

Mr Constantinou was shot

as he sat in the city centre Cafe Loco bar. His killer had

walked up to him, fired a

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The Cafe Loco where an alleged underworld figure was killed

single shot and then left. Mr | drugs dealing. The manager Constantinou died from his | of the club who does not wish injuries shortly after being to be named said that the taken to Manchester Royal in-information of the club who does not wish shooting was drugs related. firmary. Some witnesses have been placed under armed police guard. The dead man had been

banned from the Rainbow snooker club across the road

shooting was drugs related. "I was told it was Tony who had been shot and that it was a gangland thing because of the drugs," he said. Earlier the same evening in Salford., a 24-year-old man

from the Cafe Loco for alleged was shot at close range while

walking with a friend. A man wearing a black balaclava and long black trench coat appeared in front of him and fired a single shot. The victim had instinc-

tively lifted his arm to protect his face and was hit in the wrist and arm. He is still receiving treatment in Hope

ie ol lide BSK WOLSE John Capp, aged 58, of Beck-ingham, Lincolnshire, was continues.

There were 983 suicides by found dead from carbon monfarmers between 1980 and 1990, but the National Farm-ers Union thinks the true figoxide poisoning on Sunday. His friends claimed the beel scare had "tipped him over ure is much higher because the edge" and that Mr Capp had been unable to sell any of coroners are often reluctant to record suicide verdicts, his 200 cattle since the BSE

Harry Albright, East Midlands spokesman of the NFU, said: "We have said all along Auctioneer Paul Gentry, who sold cows for Mr Capp at that this is a situation which the cattle market in Newark, Nottinghamshire, said: "He is causing farmers great stress and that is why we are had hundreds of thousands of pressing for urgent action from the Government.

pounds tied up in beef and faced financial ruin. Dairy farmer Joseph Roper "I spoke to him recently was fined £10,000 yesterday and he hadn't managed to sell after admitting four charges of selling cattle and not revealing his berd had been affected by BSE. Joseph any cattle since the papers "That was getting him Roper, aged 42, of Suckley, Hereford and Worcester, sold down. Everybody that sells cattle in this area is concerned." four Friesian cows at Worces-ter livestock market in An inquest is due to open

August and September Mohammed Irshad, for

Hereford and Worcester trad-ing standards, told Worcester magistrates: "It is important in light of what has happened that they had been receiving calls from "very despairing men" who feared that they would face ruin because of working." Mr Roper said

the beef scare. He added: "There is a terri-ble feeling of isolation, and worries about livelihoods be-i I've been fined."

'Big Jack' facing fine after bailiff tackles him for unlicensed fishing

ACK Charlton, whose licence. Mine expired on Republic of Ireland team | March 1 and I went fishing March 1 and I went fishing on Easter Monday. The bai-liff asked me if I had a licence. I had to tell him I posched a place among soc cer's elite, was caught fishing without a licence and hadn't." faces a £2,500 fine if con-

He said he had not been able to buy a licence the previous Saturday because his daughter was having a home, fishing for trout baby in Leeds. Before that without a 215 licence. he was involved in organising his mother's funeral. Although he had not

"I'm guilty," said Charl-ton, who retired recently as Ireland manager after steerlanded a single fish when ing them through the 1988 challenged. Charlton — a Enropean Championships keen angler since his youth ing them through the 1988 and 1994 World Cup finals. | — has now bought a licence "It wasn't an oversight. I but does not know if he will knew I didn't have a betaken to court.

into father-of-four Mr Capy's death today. Colleagues called him_a well-loved member of **Chief Justice warns on** the farming community. A spokesman for the Samaritans in Lincolnshire said peril of trial by media

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ble or merely excessive reporting of the judicial pro-HE Lord Chief Justice ess or in advance of it is that the process itself may become

Lord Taylor, yesterday said that irresponsible media reporting of high pro-file cases could make a fair trial impossible. Saturation coverage had led to a growing number of defence amplicaimpossible. "Trial by television then ceases to be an admonitory slogan and becomes a real and dangerous threat to the rule of law. Courts must be number of defence applica vigilant to deal firmly with contempts where media covtions to abort the entire erage imperils the fair admin-

The risk of prosecution fo contempt of court usually acted as a sufficient brake on istration of justice." He attacked the "disturbing media excesses, he told a meeting of Commonwealth tendency" among defence so-licitors to try to persuade the public that their client was a udges and magistrates at Hertfordshire university in St victim of a miscarriage of justice in the run-up to an ap-peal. This undermined the ap-Albans. But some newspapers pushed that risk to the limits.

"We must recognise that the right of the public to in-formation, and of the media to report and express views freely, has to be balanced against the right of the pardered.

Clare Dyer Legal Correspo

ties, and in particular of the defendant in a criminal case,

to a fair trial. One very real imposing a han on solicitors danger raised by irresponsi- speaking about their clients' cases in the media. Barristers have long had such a rule, but the society believes it is Unne COL V

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, has referred the issue to his advisory committee on legal education and Lord Taylor again voiced

his opposition to the televis-ing of trials, which would cause unjustifiable stress and anxiety for witnesses

victed, writes John Duncan. Charlton was caught at appeals. Judges should be more pre-Whittle Dean reservoir pared than formerly to talk to near his Northumberland the media about law and legal issues. A legacy from past ref-

icence was that they were seen as aloof. "It is simply no longer sensible to remain silent when so much attention, much of it highly critical, is focused on

the courts and the judicial



But he had an "open mind" on the question of televising

peal process in the public's eye and could limit the op-tions available to the Appeal Court by prejudicing any retrial which might be or-

Lord Taylor asked the Law the coursider process.

HMS Titanic Inc, the US company which owns the salvage rights, is to send a submersible to lift a 30ft section of the hull, including portholes. This will be the star exhibit of a lucrative worldwide touring exhibition, probably on a specially built ship.

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Daniel Goldhagen: Pressing the case for collective guilt

lan Traynor in Bonn reports on the furore over a Harvard don's indictment of ordinary Germans and their role in the war

NEW book by a Harvard professor has triggered outrage in Germany among historians, critics and intellectuals, even before it has become available across the counter.

Daniel Goldhagen's book **Hitler's Willing Executioners:** Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust - a strongly argued indictment of Germans for their alleged complicity in the murder of 6 million Jews - has reopened an angst-ridden debate on what it is to be a German and whether the verdict of collective guilt is valid

Prof Goldhagen, aged 36, has been promoting the book, which has just been pub-lished in Britain and the United States. He pressed his

'If the Germans are poisoned by their history, why aren't they still that today and forever?'

case on CNN, saying that the

Mr Schirrmacher, among the most formidable of a younger generation of Ger-man intellectuals, went on to say that Prof Goldhagen was "remythologising" the Holo-caust after decades of pains-taking research by other historians. He argued that the book and its favourable reception in parts of the quality US media, raised more questions about the US than Germany. "Goldhagen's book leaves juestions open. They include

questions about the intellec tual condition of a society [the US] which sees such the ses as intellectual progress," he wrote. Other experts see the book as emblematic of a new gen-eration of Holocaust researchers who, through ig norance and ambition, have turned the clock back to the

German writings of the imme-diate post-war years. In Britain, the Guardian found it "pernicious" and the Times described it as the work of a man "who knows and understands nothing". But Elie Wiesel, the Auschwitz survivor and Nobel

prizewinning writer, described it as epochal, reveal-



The Guardian Tuesday April 16 1996

deserted town.

Elsewhere in the south. Is

the salvos were diminishing

in intensity. In Beirut, Hizbullah said it

Air strikes plunge Beirut into darkness

David Hirst in Behrut

fired four rockets close to the Roman ruins. Nabih Berri, the Shi'ite leader and Speaker of parliament, at a press con-ference in the city, urged the inhabitants to stay put, but quickly left himself when Is-SRAEL'S Grapes of Wrath operation in Lebanon con-tinued unabated yesterday, with heavy serial and arti-lery bombardments of the largely deserted south and new attacks on the capital raeli jets screamed low overhead. The southern market town of Nabatiyeh and surround-ing villages came under artil-

A power plant was hit yes lery fire earlier in the day. Petrol stations and a bakery terday, the second since Sun-day's strike on a plant near went up in flames, and a hos-pital run by Hizbullah and shops were hit in the nearly bays strike on a plant little Beirat. Electricity was only fully restored to the capital three months ago — for the first time since the civil war — and the city is now back on

raeli jets swooped down on suspected guerrilla rocket launchers in the Wadi Qais-The radio station of the siyeh valley. Hizbullah fired six volleys and has been the source of all of Katyusha missiles into northern Israel. One hit a and has been the source of an earlier warnings — said the Israeli army was planning to widen its "zone of opera-tions" to include the port of Sidon, Lebanon's third largsynagogue, but there were no casualties. An Israeli spokesman said that with only two or three missiles being fired at a time,

est city. Hizbullah meanwhile, on the fifth day of the Israeli blitz, continued to fire Katyu-sha rockets into northern

was in good military shape and had not yet lost a single During the day Israeli "martyr". In reply to the Israeli gov-ernment's rejection of cease-fire calls, a Hizbullah source planes made more than 30 raids on south Lebanon, especially the Hizbullah stronghold of Iklim Al-Tuffah. The said he could see only one United Nations said about 2,000 artillery shells had outcome: Israel must go on its demand for Hizbullah's fallen in the past 24 hours. The casualty toll has risen to about 30 killed and 120 disarmament, and respect the understanding brokered by the United States that ended wounded since the offensive the last round of heavy fightegan. Israeli planes knocked out

ing in 1993. He said Hizbullah, which en anti-aircraft gun in a strike on Beirut's southern on Sunday had shown 70 cansuburbs. Two rockets exploded in the late afternoon near the main square in the Mraije neighbourhood, and one crashed into nearby Bir Hassan, the southern enincluding Syria". trance to Beirut.

In a first attack on Tyre, most of whose inhabitants fied on Sunday, helicopters page 8; First insits order, page 9

Israeli raids fail to derail diplomacy

to the Shia fighters of Hizbullah Derek Brown in Jerutalen

The scores of Katyusha SRAEL'S steady diplomatic progress in the Middle East has been unaffected by its rockets which Hizbullah has fired into northern Israel in retaliation for the bombardment were almost certainly channelled through Syria, continuing bombardment of outh Lebanon. Yesterday, as the head of with the more than tacit apthe Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) proval of officials in Damascus.

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didates for suicide operations on television, "will use all possible means to defend the Lebanese people, co-ordinat-ing its action with all parties, mt and letters

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by Hitler and the Nazi sys Germans have avoided for too tem, but by age-old, endemic. long. German hatred of Jews.

He said that German anti-Semitism was different from that in other countries in that it was "eliminationist", es sentially genocidal; that ordi-nary German fathers, brothers, sons and lovers were not coerced into killing Jews, but did so voluntarily and gleefully. "A book of radical simplic-

ity." Frank Schirrmacher, the historian, literary critic and co-publisher of the Frankfurter Allgemeine newspaper, wrote yesterday.

In Germany, the pundits are predicting another round in the acrimonious row between historians of left and gen's research and argument, the issue of ordinary Ger-mans and their role in the right that erupted a decade ago over the evaluation of the Third Reich. Holocaust still touches raw Die Zeit, the liberal weekly, Last year, an exhibition devoted most of its front page and five inside pages to the furore. Rudolf Augstein, con-troversial historian and pubpurporting to prove the eager participation of German sol-diers in massacring the Jews of eastern Europe — as op-posed to the more comfortable proposition that it was the Nazi party apparatus and trained SS killer squads lisher of the weekly Der Spiegel, described Prof Goldhagen yesterday as "ignorant and

malicious", But regardless of the merits

A poster in 1930s Berlin claims that the Jews of the world want to annihilate Germany. Announcing that the "battle" will soon begin, it exhorts the German people: Protect yourself. Don't buy from Jews

or otherwise of Prof Goldha- | provoked an emotional row | and a characteristic bout of soul-searching. Prof Goldhagen's central assertion is that it was the Ger-mans, not the Nazis, who

were guilty. "If the Germans in general are a nation of eliminationist anti-Semites, conditioned and poisoned by their history, why aren't they still that today, always and forever?" asked Josef Joffe, a prominent Munich journalist.

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sisted. "Between them, Ber-lusconi and Fini represent a

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Norbert Frei, the Berlin | duce a row. More troubling perhaps is the suggestion that historian, dismissed Prof younger expert opinion on Goldhagen's book as minor. based mainly on secondary the issues of blame and guilt will increasingly diverge in research, adding little to the sum of knowledge on Nazism different countries, with and the Holocaust. He lawider repercussions, as the mented the fact that Prof. second world war becomes

more distant history. Goldhagen's original doctoral work, on which the book is "It is amazing that, in 1996, history can again be pre-sented as anthropology and hased, received a Political Science Association prize in the US. Historiography of the Holo-caust can rarely fail to pro-Schirrmacher.

Blackmailers

threaten to

"terrorist practices", Israel Middle East diplomacy, the opened a new interests office crisis in south Lehanon is in Tunis.

Tunisis becomes the fourth Arab state after Egypt, Jor-dan, and Morocco to establish diplomatic links with Israel. Other countries moving steadily towards establishing formal ties include Oman and Qatar, which have main-tained a discreet silence over

Israel's assault on Lebanon. Israel's closest allies in the region, Egypt and Jordan, have both expressed concern about the action in Lebanon but have stopped well short of formial protes

Jordan's prime minister Abdul-Karim al-Kabariti, is due to fly to Israel today to make what most observers helieve is a largely symbolic offer to help broker a ceasefire in Lebanon.

Most Arab countries have made a muted response to the fighting, with the predictable exceptions of Iran and Iraq, both of which have issued shrill condemnations.

Even Syria, which will inevitably play a leading role in any ceasefire, has refrained GERMAN authorities Gsaid yesterday that blackmailers had threat-ened to poison with lethal from an all-out attack on Israel's tactics.

On Friday, the second day of the air and artillery assault by Israel against suspected Hiz-bullah guerrilla positions, a dozen Syrian soldiers in Beisnake venom food in stores across Europe unless they receive diamonds worth a total of DM400 million rut were wounded when an Is-raeli helicopter fired on an anti-aircraft position.

Syria has about 35.000 sol diers in Lebanon, and also serves as the conduit for Iranserves as the conduit for Iran-ian arms and other supplies Turkish air space.

News in brief

Guerrilla chief colleagues, military officials said -- Reuter.

Activists jailed

A state security court in Bahrain has sentenced 10 activ ists to between one and five years in prison after their conviction on sabotage and arson charges, newspapers reported yesterday. They were accused of taking part in

a recent wave of anti-govern-ment protests. - AP.

An indonesian soldier ran wild at remote Timika sirport cluding at least 10 military dog for dinner. - Reuter.

widely seen as containable, not affecting long-established alliances and trends. Even the OIC's secretary general, Hamid al-Gabid, suggested yesterday that the regional peace process would

In a speech to the office of the United Nations human rights commissioner in Gen-eva, he launched a violent verbal assault on Israel's bombardment, and what he called its "flagrant violation" of peace accords with the Palestinians.

"In spite of the ongoing peace process in the Middle East, which we rightly sup-port, we note that Israel con-tinues to pursue a repressive and expansionist policy," Mr al-Gabid said.

 Turkey's foreign minister Emre Gonensay, yesterday rejected criticism by Iran and some Arab countries of a military co-operation agreement between his country and Israel

Turkey responded to the criticism on the eve of a surprise visit by Israel's air force "Everyone knows that Tur-

key has no expansionist aims," Mr Gonensay told journalists. "The agreement is geared toward increasing the defence capabilities of Turkey and the defence capa-bilities of friendly nations."

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Under the agreement signed on February 23, Israeli



Neo-fascists storm partisan heartland

Last week, Gianfranco Fini, the leader of the National Al-

liance, held a well-attended

rally on the banks of the lake.

The National Alliance's

dramatically improved pros-pects owe at least as much to Silvio Berlusconi as to Mr Finl. In 1994 his Forza Italia

(Come On Italy) party was allied with the Northern

League in the north of Italy and with the National Alli-

ance in the south. Now that

the League has broken with

him, the television magnete has joined forces with Mr

Fini and his followers

This is enabling them to stride with confidence into areas with strong anti-fascist traditions. "In the last cham-

ber of deputies, there were 109 National Alliance depu-

ties - 100 from the south and

centre, and only nine from the north," said Mr Zacchera.

This time we intend to ever

things up." Offering tax breaks and

bureaucratic reforms, he is

throughout the country.

Italy's National Alliance is embracing the free market to boost its change. Chances in Sunday's polls, writes **John Hooper** in Fondotoce UST outside this village | Its voters are expected to elect | Last week, Gianfranco Fini, Last week, Gianfranco Fin

Mr Zacchera already has a

UST outside this village | Its voters are expected to elect • On the shores of Lake a lifelong neo-fascist as their Maggiore, there is a long local MP. Marco Zacchera, aged 44, who has a boyish face and a ready smile, belonged to the MSI, the movement set avenue of conifers, at the far end of which stands an immense cross, higher than the up to perpetuate Mussolini's legacy until it was dissolved into the slightly broader tallest tree. A simple stone commemorates the 42 mar-tyrs of Fondotoce - partisans nd their non-combatant National Alliance helpers, who were rounded seat in parliament, which he owes to the fact that under Itup in the nearby mountains and shot here by the Germans aly's electoral system 25 per cent of the seats in the lower in one of the most notorious mass executions of the second house are chosen by propor-tional representation. Candiworld war.

This region of snowy peaks dates who are rejected by and glittering lakes is littered with monuments to the their constituents for a first-1,500 men and women in the past-the-post seat can still get province of Novara who died into the legislature if their fighting the Nazis in the brief party puts them high enough province of Novara who died period after Italy made peace up its proportional represen-with the Allies in 1944. tation list.

For Sunday's general elec-At the last general election tion, Fondotoce is in a constit-uency which roughly coin-cides with the erstwhile this time he is confident of Partisan Republic of Ossola. | topping the poll.

Did Tony Blair watch the coverage of the golf from Augusta? If so, he will have seen Greg Norman acting out the Labour Party's worst nightmare.

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Europe rejected long ago - a combination of state intervenfrom the representative of a tion and private ownership which will inevitably favour movement whose traditional constituency is among poor southerners, who staff Italy's a privileged few at the ex-pense of the rest." notorious state apparatus. But Mr Zacchera believes that

Away from the tourism of of this constituency, it will be Lake Maggiore, there is a sur-prising amount of industry — this country have changed." if the National Alliance is to achieve its expected gains in

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spike food with snake venom Reuter in Düsseldorf

nent is not convinced. The centre-left's candidate, large share of his vote. Franco Ravandoni, is a mav-It looks like a straight con erick former Christian Demotest between the lakeside business community and the mountain working class. But, crat, expelled for two years at the start of the 1990s. He is warns Father Renato Sacco: "Tm not convinced people here will choose their MP also probably Italy's most popular mayor, having polled 87 per cent in the mountain purely on the basis of self-interest."

(£175 million). Prosecutors in Essen, This part of the world has a strong tradition of Christian solidarity. Fr Renato is the sort of priest with a social conscience who brings on dyspepsia in rightwing politicians. On Sunday he aimed a barely veiled rebuke at the National Alliance for depict-ing itself as the party for which good Catholics should vote.

"I have the duty to remind people that God cannot be used in that way," he said. "The Nazis, too, claimed that God is with us'. If the votars put history to one side and elect Mr Zac-

chera, their choice will be seen either as an indication town of Villadossola at the that Italians have failed to ket, but monopolistic," he in-sisted. "Between them, Ber-

learn from their past, or as proof that they have healed wounds it opened The anniversary of the lib-eration falls four days after

polling. On Lake Maggiore, as throughout Italy, there will be a ceremony and mass "I shall be going, as I have done for several years now,"

said Mr Zacchera. "But if I go as the elected representative

trace later.

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Doctors say that if inested, snake venom can pass harmlessly through stream through the small-

est of cuts or bleeding gums with possibly fatal results. The blackmailers were reported to have demanded diamonds of a specific size and quantity which would and quantity which would in Irian Jaya yesterday, make them difficult to shooting dead 15 people, in-

Palestine," said Jamil al-Tarthe digestive tract, but it ifi, the Palestinian head of a could enter the blood- liaison committee with Israel. "I'm sure it is true," said an Israeli official -- Reuter.

Soldier's rampage Opa after Opa and his family were said to have eaten the

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granted entry Israel agreed yesterday to let the guerrilla leader Nayef Hawatmeh, once one of its biggest enemies, return to the Palestinian self-rule areas. "Israel approved the entry of Nayef Hawatmeh, general

secretary of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of

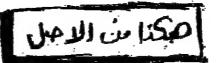


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who are co-ordinating the investigation, said the blackmailers had been making threats since Janu-ary but that they had not contacted police. Security sources added that the blackmailer or

blackmailers had sent their demands to food manufacturers on computer disks. The sources said it was not clear how serious the threats were, but police last week invited representa-tives of food firms to Essen to exchange information

and give advice. The threats had not been made public to avoid causing panic or hampering investigations.



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Truth hearings begin in S Africa

David Berestore In East London

HE name of Karl Andrew Webber did not feature promi-nently in the story of South Africa's liberation struggle but, as he sat yester-day, his mutilated arm held to his chest as the light filtered through stained-glass win-dows, there was a sense that he had carved out a small place for himself in history. This was not so much as a

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This was not so much as a victim of war - in his case, a random shooting in a ber --but as an emblem of reconciliation and peace in South Africa

Africa. The huge burgundy cur-tains on the stage in East London's city hall provided a fitting backdrop for the 17 members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as they set about uncovering the horrors of the apertheid era vesterday morning. 'We are charged to unearth the truth about our dark past, to heal a

era yesterday morning. wounded nation' From the moment Arch-bishop Desmond Tuta clam-

bered up on to the stage it was She recalled how she had apparent that the occasion was more one of dramatic remonstrated with the officer. "He was a person with a vision for the future. He had plans for his life, for his famperformance than judicial inquiry. Impresarios naturally

being anxious to maximise box-office returns, they stalled to make sure the audi-ence was in place. "Arch" --as the Anglican primate likes to be known - announced a few minutes' delay to give national television time to cross to this coastal city. He then led his congrega-

tion in a Khosa hymn before delivering a short homily. "We are charged to unearth the truth about our dark past,

to lay the ghosts of that past so that they may not return to haunt us. That it may thereby contribute to the healing of a traumatised and wounded struggle in South Africa.

ily and his country as a whole. No, not Mapetia!" Taken to identify his body. she was confronted by a black policeman who laughed. "They call themselves leaders and they kill themselves," he taunted her. The past was abruptly brought home when Arch-bishop Tutu interrupted, announcing that a bomb warn-ing had been received and the town hall had to be cleared.

Then it was time for details to be heard about one of the best known incidents from the long list of "disappear-ances" during the liberation

nation, for all of us in South Three more widows took the stand to tell the sage of the "Pepco 3", leaders of a Port Elizabeth black civic Africa are wounded people.' They were familiar ghosts which were then paraded across the stage. The first was the victim of one of the bestoned to the local group summ airport by a mysterious tele-phone call to meet a non-existent British consular official - and pever seen again.

As the women described their pain -- with accounts of the years of struggle raising children without fathers, suffering detention and beatings themselves, and endlessly ablee officer knocked at her door and said; "I am here to tell you that Mapetla hanged himself with a pair of jeans."

searching for the truth about what had happened to their loved ones — the commission began to run out of time. The sad tale was ganly brought to an end and two more witnesses stood down to bring Mr Webber to the stand. Burly, with closely cropped hair, he was the picture of hat, archetypal white South African, a rugby hooker. An animal welfare inspec-tor, Mr Webber had made the

mistake of going to an East London bar for a drink on May Day in 1993 with a friend who had just flown in from Cape Town. The friend died with five others when a ted gumman walked int the bar and opened fire with an assault rifle.

"My life changed over-night," Mr Webber said, de-scribing his battle with his surviving, mutilated arm to dress, feed, bath and shave himself, and to live on state aid of less than £100 a month. "Two accepted it and I have to carry on with the daily rou-time of my life." A commission official — a

black, middle-aged woman -sat next to Mr Webber with a morting arm, around his

what his attitude towards the truth inquiry was. "Hopefully, it is the start of a new beginning," he replied



Riding shotgan . . . Gammen in a car adorned with the Liberian flag drive past the US embassy in Monrovia as looting continued in the capital

Libya's new hawk bares anti-American talons

Ten years after the US air strikes, the son of Colonel Gadafy has rallied public defiance, Kathy Evans in Tripoli reports

IBYA closed itself to the outside world yes-terday at the culmina-A rally in Tripoli's Green Square attracted fewer than 200 boy scouts, school-children and their teachtion of a two-day commem-oration of the American air raid on both its main citles ers. Most of the children, including a group in wheel-chairs described as victims of the American F-111

10 years ago. Borders were closed; land, sea and air travel was curtailed; and most inter-national phone and telex

Borders were closed; land, sea and air travel was curtailed; and most inter-national phone and telex links ware cat. The government called for the people who planmed and carried out the dir raid in a Libyan court, failing which Libya would turn to "legal international organi-sations" for help the International organi-

style rave-up of live bands and slogans. It was held in the Azziziya barracks in central Tripoli, which houses Col Gadafy's bombed-out former home, bo ring to the bombing on April 5 1986 which killed preserved as a museum of two US servicemen and os

the attack. Saadeh, wearing a smart dark grey suit and a floral tie, gave a short and confident speech, which met with rapi attention.

A chip off the old rhetori-cal block, he declared: "I stand before you as a member of the family of the man who said no to America. "Who is the terrorist? It is the devil nation which

bombed us in the middle of the night." He referred obliquely to

last week's Channel 4 documentary which alleged that the United States intelliand turned away. But a voice in the audience res-ponded quietly: "His father may be tired, but he's not ready to go yet." The leader did not attend

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yesterday's ceremonies. After three attempted coups - the latest reported less than two weeks ago --Col Gadafy's whereaboute are said to be unknown even to his own cabinet.

Constantly on the move, with his women bodyguards, he conducts gov-ernment business by tele-phone and personal

After 26 years at the fore-front of radical Arab poli-tics, Col Gadafy's nationallonger blame Libya for everything, ist tune was replaced long ago by the siren song of mil-Saadeh, aged 20, de-cribed himself to the itant Islam. Col Gadafy, aged 55, is rumoured to be InternatryInternatryStatesintelli-
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than someone in Libya's
London embassy — could
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army and said he had
no political job.
Col Gadafy had stood out
from other Arab leaders in
not promoting his sons, but
Saadeh's appearances are
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United Nations sanctions
imposed four years ago and
renewed every 120 days
have left the economy
creaking and vulnerable to
black marketeers.
Ten years on, Libya is the
West's oldest pariah in the against Libya. "The truth has finally be-becoming more frequent. When asked whether he becoming to take over from third son, Saadeh. This "The truth has finally be-time, the masses seemed tuly impressed. The rally, was a Libyan-blame Libya for every-blame Libya for every-blame

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Deal on bases revamps US-Japan defence ties Taiwan tanks Kevin Rafferty in Tokyo

up on defence TAIWAN is to buy 300

reluctant bost to 75 per cent o US defence facilities in japan. The bases sprawl acres, 30 per cent of Oknawa's area. Japanese defence officials warn that there is much to be done before Futenma is

handed over, in up to seven

years' time. The main condi-tion for the deal is that US

military capabilities are not

reduced in any way. Many places on the main-

land will resist being the sites

Hashimoto has promised to

study legal measures that would allow US troops to use

shoulder as he spoke. A commissioner asked him

States army to strengthen its defence against China, a newspaper has reported. security deal with Japan which will preserve the strength of United States forces in the country, but

lessen what one defence expert calls "the clumsy foot-print of the American military The deal reaffirms the im-

RESIDENT Bill Clinton

Parrives in Tokyo today to put the finishing

portance of security ties be-tween the US and Japan, but presents the Americans as gracious guests.

Officials on both sides are quietly congratulating themselves and hope the new arrangements will take nuch of the steam out of the anti-American campaign on the southern island of Okinawa. The Okinawans are happy

about the promised return of the giant Futenma airbase, the disappearance of the ugly "elephant cage" communications facility — a multi-storey wire structure stack in the middle of field — and the prospect of the land's owners getting back 19 square miles now occupied by US forces.

American forces are to get upgraded hi-tech equipment - in effect, the marines on Okinawa will be stronger. In a US presidential elec-

tion year and with Japan's prime minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, leading a frac-tious, squabbling coalition, the agreement is no mean achievement. Nevertheless, some tricky

issues have been swept under the carpet and neither Washissues have been swept under the carpet and neither Wash-ington nor Tokyo has yet faced the larger questions about Japan's defence role in the 21st century. The urgent consideration of of Tokyo. Okinawa comprises

new defence arrangements just 0.6 per cent of Japan's was forced on both countries | total territory, but plays

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The United Daily News quoted unidentified mili-tary officials on Sunday as

saying the M60A3 tanks, which are at least 20 years old, would replace the age-ing models used by the Taifor any relocation of the Oki-nawa bases. Even trickler, Mr

wanese army. Under a 1994 deal, Taiwan has already bought 160 of the tanks at £386,600

civilian ports and airports in time of war. The changes will cost the Japanese taxpayer each. The report said Taiwan

2500 million. In the medium term, the has also started a pro-gramme to boost its antiquestion of whether Japan amphibious landing

capability. Taiwan's defence minisand play a role in the security try refused to comment on the report, but the prime minister, Lien Chan, told parliament that Taiwan of Asia - still has to be faced At the moment, Japan only has "self-defence forces" stipulated by its constitution. would buy tanks phased out by the US army when he proposed a 4 per cent rise in the defence budget Simmering economic and trade issues could also threaten ties. Washington may be thankful that Mr Hahimoto has not lived up to last week.

his reputation as the first of a new generation of Japanese The Taiwanese have called for a stronger de-fence after China's war eaders "who aren't afraid to say no" to the US. When he took over from the games near Taiwan's waters last summer. - AP.

bland, ineffectual Socialist Tomiichi Murayama earlier this year, Mr Hashimto was after three US servicemen abseen as younger, more vigor-ous and assertive. The leader ducted and raped a .13-year-old schoolgirl on Okinawa-last September. They were each sentenced to up to seven of the conservative Liberal Democrats was, after all, the trade minister who had years in prison earlier this

resisted US attempts to force higher car sales on Japan. Instead, Mr Hashimoto bas been busy trying to clean up the mess of bankrupt housing loan companies which are sapping Japan's financial sys-tem, and thus the country's economic leadership interna-

tionally. It is likely that the budget will still not be passed when Mr Clinton leaves for

home Nevertheless, important

trade disputes could still flare up. Japan's ministry of inter-national trade and industry (Miti) has said that it wants to see the and of the semiconductor chip agreement with the US when it expires in July. It believes the p which sets a 20 per cent target

for US chin sales to Japan — is "not feasible mless one is willing to trample on market the weekend, and has killed at least one person. Satellite pictures at Ulan mechanisms". Bator's meteorological station

showed large areas of the province on fire. Although Japan's trade sur-plus with the US has fallen, At least 1,000 cattle had been killed, but the total dam-age to hards could be much Washington continues to acuse Tokyo of protectionism by imposing 49 barriers to free trade. US trade officials have

called for vigorous efforts to gain better market access to Firefighters had saved Japan. Eastman Kodak, the large uranium mine in Marfilm manufacturer, is pursu-ing charges against Japan's Fuji Film, and American airlines are trying to gain more routes and traffic. US insurother steppeland or forest fires are burning in Mongolia, boosted by recent dry ance companies want to force

open the Japanese market. weather. - Reuter.

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News in brief

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Nomads fight

THOUSANDS of nomads in north-eastern Mongolia

are fighting to save their tents and cattle from a huge

618 square miles of land by

news agency reported. But attempts to inspire a show of defiance looked a little feeble at times, hingeing in part on small rent-acrowd groups of children chanting: "Challenge more, oh ye lone hawk!" - a reference to Colonel Muam-mar Gadafy.

what a sanction was, one five-year-old admitted that she did not know. Then, at a midnight ceremony that ran into yester-day morning, the colonel mleashed a rising star: his third son, Saadeh. This time, the masses seemed duly impressed.

Khan all set to enter political arena

MRAN Khan threw down and injured more than 30. "I am more determined prime minister, Benazir than ever that this country Bhutto, yesterday by declar-ing he would launch himself into politics later this month. needs reform. This act [the bombing] shows that law and order is breaking down, that The legendary cricketer in-sisted at first he would lead a reform movement rather than our institutions are breaking down." down." Then, to enthusiastic shouts of "inshallah" (God willing) from onlookers, he added: "Entering politics might not change the system but if we have a reform move-ment me could change it. This a political party, but then seemed to change his mind. "Going into politics and starting a movement for reform are two different things. Or perhaps they are the same thing," Mr Khan, ment we could change it. This political system can do nothaged 43, said. He was speaking at the can-

ing for the country." Corruption was "unprece-

cer hospital he founded in Le-hore, as the clean-up contin-ued after Sunday's bomb blast there which killed six people "We want reform in this resulting politicians. "We want reform in this country and I'm telling you I Aggressive politicisation has undermined the credibil-ity of the judiciary, bureau-

speak for the majority of the people," he added. Asked whether his group cracy, and police. Parliament is dogged by would register as a party and contest elections, he said: bickering between the gov-ernment and the main opposi-"I'm not talking about votes at this time. I'm talking about a movement of people who

are sick of the system." Grassroots disaffection with Ms Bhutto's administra-tion, which is halfway through its five-year term, has turned to exasperation. It has failed to deliver on promises to raise the living standards of the predomi-

ermient and the main opposi-tion party, a faction of the Pakistan Muslim League led by a former prime minister, Nawaz Sharif. "You'll be doing it with me," Mr Sharif, who visited the hoenital waterades

Disease fear

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health ministry said the deci-

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the hospital yesterday, said as Mr Khan outlined his agenda, slapping the ex-cricketer on the chest. This was met with a

her when she visited the hos-pital after Sunday's blast, he replied: "It is very signifi-cant. I feel that her government, whether she knows it or not is responsible for cre

ating so many hurdles in the way of this hospital. "I didn't want to be hare when she was here. It would have been hypocritical of me to stand and smile for people who want to make political

capital. I strongly condemn this. I think politicians should make sure they do not stony silence. But most of Mr Khan's their own people."

the House of Representatives last month. -- Reuter.

RAI soccer score

RAL, the Italian state broad casting company, regained the rights yesterday to show Niger and Burkina Faso will be barred from making the pligrimage to Mecca this year because of an outbreak of after a bid from Cecchi Gori. the media magnate, to take over broadcasting of the country's favourite sport evapo rated. — Reuter.

Mice little earner

Despite this being the Year of the Mouse, authorities in the northern Chinese city of Two battalions of Russian troops pulled out of Chechenia Shenyang are offering one yuan (8p) for every mouse caught in an anti-rodent campaign, the Xinhua News Agency said. - AP.

A man who committed suicide by jumping into the Seine in Paris yesterday was carrying a suitcase containing a be-headed female body, police sources said. He had a South Korean passport. - Reuter.

Haiti farewell

The last US troops in Haiti are to leave this week, closing a chapter that becan when President Clinton sent 20,000 last year by the Senate and a soldiers to oust the military weaker version approved by regime 18 months ago. — AP.

yesterday as part of President Yeltsin's peace plan, but fight-ing continued and separatists shot down a Russian helicop-Suicide puzzle ter killing four servicemen on board - Reuter. **Terror bill pact** Agreement has been reached on a counter-terrorism bill which gives the United Statesgovernment more authority

to expel foreigners suspects of being extremists, the chair-man of the Senate judiciary committee said yesterday. The legislation is a compro-mise between a bill passed

THE other woman in the life of tenor Luciano Paa lot of problems because I was bored to death by listening to opera." Nicoletta Mantovani said. by the World Health Organi-sation. — AP **Pavarotti** agreed last month to a separation from his wife of 35 years. — AP. Who put left arm in first? AS there been hanky newspapers saying they panky over the creation remember dancing what they

of the venerable novely song, the Bokey Cokey? Nothing is certain, but all is not okeydokey, writes Christopher Reed in Los Angeles.

But American GIs stationed

in Britain during the second hit when granted copyright as world war have contacted the Hokey Pokey in 1950.

bushfire, officials said "The fire is flerce and is spreading fast," the governor of the Dashbalbar area of Dornod province said. "Nearly all of our more than 3,000 people are fighting it." The fire had raged across



Ruby supports her father's story that he created the song in the Idaho Sun Valley aki resort in 1949, and it became a

call the Hokey Cokey, which

worse, officials said. Nomads were fighting to save their tents and livestock. Suspicions of a trans-Atlan-tic deception have arisen since the death on April 4 at the age of 84 of Larry LaPrise in Idaho. Obituaries recorded that LaPrise, a musician, condai and were gaining control of the blaze in Dashbalbar. Officials say at least 32

cocted the song with two fellow band members.

LaPrise's daughter Linda

starts with the immortal words: "You put your left arm in, you put your left arm out/-You put your left aim h and you shake it all about/ You do the Hokey Cokey and you turn around/ And that's what

Opera bores

Pavarotti's girl

it's all about."

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Sour Grapes of Wrath

Israel's over-reaction harms prospects for peace

HAVE THEY ALL been struck dumb? | tros-Ghali said that it was "deplorable" For five days as Israel intensified its assault on Lebanon the only sound in the White House, the UN Secretary-General's office and Downing Street has been the diplomatic shuffling of awkward feet. Keeping quiet may indeed be preferable to yesterday's crude apologia for Israel delivered by Michael Portillo (from which the Foreign Office appears, later on, to have muttered its dissent). International leaders have a duty to express themselves on the issues of principle raised by events of this devastating scale. Their silence is as shameful as Israel's own savage and unwise response to Hizbullah's provocation.

This is not, unfortunately, the first time that Israel has launched an overkill operation against the people of Lebanon. The real target is always elsewhere — against Damascus for its toleration of Hizbullah or, on this occasion, to disarm rightwing Likud opposi-tion in the run-up to the Israeli elections. On the last occasion in July 1993, Yitzhak Rabin vowed to make southern Lebanon "uninhabitable" and to silence Hizbullah once and for all. Then as now, civilians were killed, several hundred thousand fled in miserable panic - and Hizbullah lived to launch its not very effective rockets another year. But there was one important difference: some Western leaders and governments did actually open their mouths. Britain said then that Israel's "deliberate attempt to displace a large part of the civilian population (of Lebanon) cannot be justified." (Yesterday's belated expression of "concern" from the Foreign Office at the "humanitarian problems" of the refugees is much weaker and carefully avoids criticising Israel). Last time too, the Clinton ad-ministration blamed Israel in the same breath as Hizbullah, saying that "military activities directed against all civilians should stop." And Boutros Bou-

for any government to adopt policies which would lead to more refugees and displaced persons. If all this could be said three years ago, why not now? Israel's action is to be condemned on

two clear grounds of principle. First, it goes far beyond the internationally recognised principle of "proportionate res-ponse". The right to self-defence to which Mr Portillo refers must be exercised with reasonable restraint. Quite apart from the human suffering involved, the scale of Israeli "reprisal" against the Lebanon is so disproportionate as to constitute aggression in its own right. Second, the action breaches international agreements on the protec-tion of civilian populations in time of tion of civilian populations in time of war. (It is mere sophistry to say this is not a war). No rational person could regard 200,000 south Lebanese as collec-tively responsible for the activities of some 500 Hizbullah activists in a few areas, most of them close to the Israeli border. Indeed Israel itself does not border. Indeed Israel itself does not pretend that they are: Shimon Peres and his colleagues are quite open about seeking to punish the Lebanese government by terrorising its people. The whole of Lebanon south of the Litani river has been declared a free-fire zone where, according to the Israeli army, "anyone remaining is solely respon-sible for endangering his life." This again is in express violation of the Geneva conventions.

Mr Peres's political difficulties in the wake of the Hamas bombings have been compounded by Hizbullah. Some response was to be expected but this protracted campaign has an air of desperation. The naming of it as Operation Grapes of Wrath evokes the verses in Deuteronomy which vow that "their day of disaster is near." Hizbullah will survive: it is the confidence needed for the peace process which has been dealt another disastrous blow.

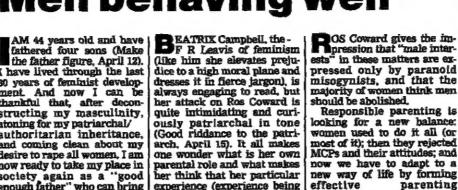


Privatisation's cynical attempt to satisfy punters not passengers

THE ONLY thing about the Railtrack | Street in London (a project which may privatisation guaranteed to run on time | now be sidelined by the feared shortis the handouts to shareholders. Yester- termism of the new railway owners). day's prospectus states that in addition | Two years ago the City was talking of a to dividends expected in the current [25 billion tag and even that is andennic: d financial year, shareholders will get an fraction of the real cost. A privatised Railtrack will have to improve its efficiency (that's shorthand was still publicly owned. Punters will for redundancies) considerably just to Dorset. satisfy the appetite of its new owners even though they only have to cough up | for increased dividends. How it can do half the money now. Add to that a 15p | that and generate new funds for much needed investment (like CrossRail) to mention gift-wrapping the package in without calling on the taxpayer is difficult to contemplate. Railtrack's own managers are worried that privatisatimes higher than a building society. tion will lead to a deterioration in The fact that we have experienced safety requirements from the pressure for short-term profits and the divided responsibilities for safety arising from an organisation fractured into around 80 operating units. Privatisation won't remove the railways from politics because ongoing subsidies from the taxtion couldn't hapen with a realistic payer (currently £2 billion a year) will always be needed thereby giving a Labour administration leverage to effect change. What it does do is to bring politics much further into the railways. By selling the whole of Railtrack in one railways for privatisation that could go (instead of several tranches as in previous sales) a disintegrating government. The truly outrageous - and we ment is trying to make one of its last acts difficult for Labour to unravel. It ain's entire rail network, stations, track | would be a fitting finale if the Government paid for such cynicism with its £1.7 billion, less than the cost of the own political life during this week's proposed new £3.1 billion CrossRail debate. Such a fate, alas, is unlikely to link from Paddington to Liverpool happen but it certainly deserves it.

experience (experience being all we have to guide us in these matters) should be a model for the rest of us. Shouldn't we be tald this before the liberal debate that Ms Coward finely called for gats et al. It amazes me that, after sophisticated and, above all, under way? Gil Elliot. 85a St Augustines Road. human understanding of the London NW1 9RR. nasculine experience. It appals me that my sons ROS Coward confuses one-parent families as being and other young men must atfamilies without fathers. She fails to recognise the role that tempt to attain self-respect and masculinity in a society that can just about bring itmany men now take through their relationships with single mothers. Not being married to the mother or the father of the children they do not show up on statistics and self to see them as objects for "homosocialisation"

The suicide rate amongst these shamed, emasculated and isolated young men con-tinues to rise; and will continue to do so until Messrs Coward, Samuels etc understand that this society is funlamentally misandristic. Ignorance about masculinity is



majority of women think men should be abolished. Responsible parenting is looking for a new balance: women used to do it all (or most of it); then they rejected MCPs and their attitudes; and now we have to adapt to a new way of life by forming effective parenting relationships Mick Davis. 92 Brightfield Road,

London SE12. SURELY a way forward is not to assume that child care is a gender-specific func-tion. Post-weaning, it doesn't matter much which pariner does most of the bread-win-

ning and which does the primary child-care — certainly our six-year old seems to be unaffected by a reversal of iraditional roles. My (female) partner does as much child-care as might be

expected of a busy but liberated "new man", and exer-class a necessary veto over need have no financial ac-countability, this often being borne by the biological father some of my and my daugh ter's dafter plans. Can we not remove the gen-

der from these difficult words "father" and "mother"? We seem to create difficuties by

propaganda war continues

Lebanon and the "terrorist" Hizbuliah, with its benign warnings to those unfortu-nate citizens in the way of Op-eration Grapes of Wrath. However, the reality of the observativities of the characteristically disproportionate collective punishment issued by the IDF does no fear of the Hizbullah Katyu-sha missiles.

such thing - no matter how "precise" it may be. It is of some comfort that, for the most part, the western media have not automatically gone along with the official is-raeli line. The damage on the ground in terms of property and people has been reported in detail in a may that was not in detail in a way that was not always possible during the Gulf war. However, British television reporting has not been entirely immune to Israeli news management. Dra-matic black-and-white shots of surgical strikes, helpfully supplied by the IDF, will always make for good viewing, as will pictures of distressed

civiliaris in bomb shelters. In this context, Derek Brown's foregrounding of the moral and military imbalance ignored by many reporting the current violence (Some

tyusha attacks on northern

war victims more equal than others, April 15) is especially welcome. Shimon Peres owes a vote of thanks to those res-

Israel vs Hizbullah: the

STOP THEM THREATENING US OR WE'LL KILL YOU !!

SRAELI propagands draws a distinction between the civilian residents of southern ing from their homes in southern Lebanon, as Israeli warplanes step up their now daily attacks. It is equally tragic that over a week ago. all women and children, two-thirds of the local population, were evacuated from their homes in northern Israel, in

Although the scale of refugees is not equivalent, I fail to see how this was unworthy of news coverage. For the last couple of months, Katyushas have continually fired on the towns in northern Israel, and hardly a word has been reported in the British press. The Lebanese and Syrian gov-ernments cannot disclaim all responsibility for the Hizbullah, and at the same time fail to condemn a single attack from their own territory.

The refugees of war are the human angle of any story, and reporting of the evacua-tion of innocent people on one side of the war only accounts for wilfully biased reporting.

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THE primary cause of Hiz-bullah's militancy is not that "Israel maintains Its foothold inside southern Leb-

it withdrew from the rest," as

Letters to the Editor

Men behaving well

I have lived through the last 30 years of feminist develop-ment. And now I can be thankful that, after decon-structing my masculinity, atoning for my patriarchal/ authoritarian inheritance, and coming clean about my desire to rape all women, I am now ready to take my place in now really again as a "good enough father" who can bring "homosociality" to my sons. Well, I'm really thankful to you all, Andrew Samuels, Ros Coward, Sebastian Kraemer

unprecedented extra one — worth £69 million — for 1995/6 when Railtrack receive dividends on all of their shares per share discount for registrants (not tax-free Personal Equity Plans) and punters will get a first year return five

similar excesses on previous privatisations should not inure us to the utter cynicism of what is happening. Railtrack has to be sold on the basis of a sure-fire windfall gain because such a deeply flawed and unpopular privatisavaluation. Railtrack has already been relieved of most of its debts (interest on which will continue to be borne by the taxpayer) while hundreds of millions have been squandered on preparing the have been spent on overdue investmean outrageous - result is that Britand signalling will be sold off for barely

Enter the Norman conqueror

But could Faldo's winning putts be Tony Blair's bunker shot?

GREG NORMAN had never won the US | Labour Party's worst nightmare. Noth-Masters golf championship, but this | ing is worse than to build and sustain a year he led it from the start. At the end lead and then throw it away to your of day one, he was two strokes up on the field. By the second evening his lead was four, After day three he was six strokes clear of his rivals. Heading out on to the course for the last time on Sunday, Norman looked a cert to win.

Then it began to fall apart. Agonisingly, Norman's lead flaked away at every hole. As error followed error, the certainty of a Norman victory dissolved. On hole 66 of the 72 hole tournament, Nick Faldo at last overtook him, playing the way that has brought him so much success so often. At the end, the man who had seemed the certain winner finished five shots behind. It was one of the most shattering collapses in recent sporting history.

Did Tony Blair watch the coverage of the golf from Augusta? If so, he will cool would be unstoppable. And so have seen Greg Norman acting out the would the politician.

greatest rival when within sight of a famous victory. It is especially galling when over the years that rival has won almost as often as you have lost. For in the same way that Norman's squandered dominance embodied Labour's darkest fear, so Faldo's ice-cool discipline under pressure epitomised the Conservative Party's one remaining winning fantasy.

Golf is a game for strong temperaments. The temptation, sitting at the top of the leader board, is to play safe. eliminate errors, hit sensible irons down the middle of the fairway and lay up on your putts. But that means abandoning the daring which won you the lead in the first place. The golfer who combined Norman's flair and Faldo's

ardcie is a mony to that ignorance. vantages while ducking the responsibilities. **R** N Gutsell. JK Linfoot. Holyrood Terrace, Weymouth,

or the state.

These men can opt in or out of "one-parent families" and

Taken on board

FOLLOWING your inaccu-rate story about the Nolan committee's intentions on pay for quango board members (April 11), I must set the re-cord straight. The committee is currently looking at a range of local bodies which receive public funds and provide pub-lic services.

Such board members are volunteers. They are not paid at present, except for the chief executive when on the board. There has been a suggestion that payment might be intro duced. The committee has been examining this, but the overwhelming weight of evi dence has been against it.

Last year the committee considered the position of board members of executive non-departmental public bodies and of NHS bodies. These are the bodies, generally known as quangos, whose board members are appointed by ministers. Some of these are paid, some are not. The committee made record

mendations about appoint-ment procedures and other safeguards. It made no recommendation about pay, but ob-served: "Levels of pay should be strictly controlled and consistent with the responsibili-titles involved, but we accept that on some boards, particu-larly in the NHS, these responsibilities are now much heavier than they may have been in the recent past." It has no plans at present to return to this question. Peter Rose. Tess secretary. Committee On Standards In Public Life. Rm 132/4 Horse Guards Road,

London SW1P 3AL. IKE Sir Brian Shaw, my husband chairs main

board meetings, and is on all board committees. He represents the organisation at meetings and functions; He is available every work day and contactable at all other times. Yet he has no remunera-tion, and indeed finds himself out of pocket. For Chairman

of the PLA is a much sexier title than Chair of Governors at an inner-city school. Jane Lawson. 112 Heathwood Gardens,

London SE7 8ER.

be split in this entirely artifi-cial way. John Valentine. 14a Richmond Wood Road. 8 Longstone Road, London SW17 9BN. Bournemouth BEB 9DH. ... SO THEN THEY COMMISSIONED AN ALTERNATIVE VERSION

Not on the side of the angel

THE design of the statue is similar to two designs T SEEMS strange that in northerners, famous for the warmth of their welcome, should commission a sculptor that originate from between the world wars. The first is the trade mark of the German car maker "Rumpler Trofen from the reputedly unfriendly south to greet travellers on the route north (Sculpture of Auto", builders of early streamlined cars. The other is angel to rise before doubting Geordies, April 12). Already the emblem of the National

promoters of the sculpture are referring to it as a wel-Socialist Flying Corps. The two-winged figures I becoming angel". To appease local resentment, perhaps the Arts Council could grant lieve are supposed to repre-sent the unfortunate early Greek aviator, Icarus, perhaps not the best of symbols for a matching funding of £500,000 for a northern sculptor to creregion trying for take-off. The only difference between the ate a welcoming image at two designs is that the Nazi one has a swastika placed over its private parts. Paul Wason. some appropriately significant point on the route south - Luton, for instance. Nicholas Treadwell.

Artists' agent. Upper Park Gate, Bradford, Yorkshire BD1 5DW. Isle of Anglesey LL59 8AF.

Evolution (or creation) of a row

ALAN Grant (Letters, April 15) misunderstands the very nature of natural selec-tion. The "fittest" means best tion. The "fittest" means best fitted to survive and breed. An Olympic sprinter is cer-tainly fitter than I as an ath-Moorgate Bast Farm, Broad Lane, Rochdale OL16 4QL lete, but not necessarily in E VOLUTIONARY theory has enabled people to be free from the grip of a creator A biological organism ints with its environment

mainly via proteins, but all of these proteins are defined by the genes of the individual. God if they want to. It is, therefore, easy to see why evolution has become the one sacred cow of our society Yes, certain cells can exist perfectly well without DNA -which you criticise at your but they can't reproduce, and peril, even if this involves a they can't be created at all without DNA. thoroughly unscientific refusal to consider alterna-tive ways of looking at the I'm not sure why a denial that evolution takes place evidence. Alan Lorrimer-Riley.

helps the creationist argument. In any case, it is all too easy to demonstrate it hap-pening now. Take the devel-Pentir Square, Pentir. Bangor opment of antibiotic resis-Gwynedd LL57 4UY.

settlements. He can now wage asserted in your leader (April a displaced war on Hamas via the Hizbullah in Lebanon. Al-12). The prime cause is Islamic fundamentalism - Hizthough it may well be in the bullah is merely a branch of interest of most of us to supthis, as is Hamas and Ialamic Jihad. There is no reason to port Peres in his domestic campaign given the Likud albelieve that Hizbullah's rocket attacks on northern Isternative, it's discouraging again to witness some British television news organisations rael would stop if Israel evacuated southern Lebanon. E A Rose. 173 Linden Court. being used in this way. Tony Fulton. 52 Carnarvon Road, London E18 2NU. Brunswick Road, London W5 1AL.

A charitable view of the TECs

YOU were alarmist in reporting the Inland Reve-nue and Oldham TEC case into whether the TEC is a nies). In the real world these risks are thy. Cases of per-sonal liability on charity-law charity (Taxpayers face £50m grounds are as rare as the bill, April 11). It anticipated "an exodus by business people white eagle. Indeed, because charitles operate within a from TEC boards because they would face much more oner-ous personal liabilities" if the charitable status is upheld. regime of prudence, these risks are very much less than with commercial entitie Finally, the Charity Com-mission is hardly likely to As co-advisers to Oldham TEC, allow me to say that that perpetuates a widespread mis-understanding. Directors of charitable companies are seek to punish innocent direc-tors when the commission laboured under the same charitable companies are, misapprehension. broadly put, only exposed to personal liability if they allow their charity to act beyond its Andrew Phillips. Bates, Wells & Braithwaite, Solicitors. purposes, or to engage in 61 Charterhouse Stre wrongful trading (the same London EC1M 6HA. 61 Charterhouse Street

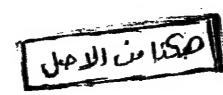
A Country Diary

TIKAL, Gustemala: The large ing, dart from branch to department of El Peten, in the branch in their search for north east corner of Guate-mala, is a complete contrast to the country's cool and mountainous highlands to the south, and the steamy pacific slope in the west in El Peten, vast areas of dense jungle cover the landscape, hiding small farming villages and forest hamiets. The Tikal National Park preserves 350 square miles of this tropical forest, as well as thousands of forest, as well as thousands of separate ruined structures of the Maya dynasty, the best known and most important of which are those at Tikal it. Deer will cross a trail in front which are those at Their in-self. Here, the towers of Temple IV rise to a height of 200 feet; making this the high-est Indian building in the western world, and having scrambled up the path hold-ing on to trees and roots on the star ing on to trees and roots on the star the way, then up a metal lad- roar of an angry jaguar. The der, there is a panoramic view from the top across the seemingly endless jungle can-opy. The birdlife at Tikal is prolific - brightly-coloured the jungle. parrots constantly squawk-

************************ ********************************* fruiting trees; the unmistak-able Keel-billed Toucan with its large cance-shaped bill; Ocellated Turkeys in shining iridescent plumage; and the tiny humming-birds flashing from flower to flower, with such wonderful names as Purple-crowned Fairy and Wedge-tailed Sabrewing. The forest mammals are far more discreet, the only sign of their

> male has a throat sac that acts as a resonator and amplifies its calls, which can carry for more than a mile through J M THOMPSON

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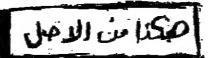
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Diary Matthew Norman

AM a stung by a rebuke from Andrew Nell in the Daily Mail. The Voice of Controversy recalls that, when he wrote recently of his bachelor lifestyle, I took it upon myself "to find [him] a wife, inviting Guardian fe males to write with propos-als, which [7] promised to pass on". You will hardly believe it, but not one of the Diary's loyal army of read-ers has volunteered to be his wife. Andrew is distraught. "Despite eagerly greeting the posiman every morn-ing," he writes, "my mail-box remains empty of righton feminist suitors in Doc Martens and social work." (Notice, please, Andrew's genius for avoiding the trap of lazy, outmoded stereotyp-ing: it's what makes him the columnist he is.) Wealthy, witty, diligent, industrious, clean hands . . . um, indus-trious, friend of Michael

of Doc Martens worth up to £50. Good Inck to you all.

will be charged £352.50 (including

apart, though, the first week of the Diary's privatisation

has not been good, and I am forced already to introduce

two new measures. Firstly, rates for plugs are dis-counted by 20 per cent; and secondly, the list of the pub-licity-seeking — to be in-voiced regardless of

whether they asked to be

mentioned or not — is ex-tended: it now includes Sis-

ter Wendy Beckett, Sir Ivan Lawrence MP, Anthea Turner, Richard & Grant,

Petronella Wyatt and ex-King Constantine of Greece. This is the result of down-

ward pressure exerted by free-market discipline. It's

REVOR McDonald yesterday launched his

compaign to improve

tion of "good, standard English" is a demanding talk, and he rose early to

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"Well Sue," he said, "the tlings I'm hoping to achieve

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VAT) for that item. Micha

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Whmer — the list is endless and this is your last chance to catch this tasty fish. Send details, with a recent photo at once. The three runnersand a signed Andrew vest, as featured in Private Eye. The winner, meanwhile, wins a night out with Andrew at that citadel of right-on femi-nism, Annabel's, and a pair

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A year in the shadow of the Reaper

Commentary

be ducked no longer. One has one's duty to add to the conversation, which is now all that passes for politics. Five imponderables seem to be crying out for certifinds. 1. The Defectors There will be no more defectors from the Tory benches. The

OLUMNISTS are often called pundits, and pundit has about it the presumptions taint of prophecy. Forstelling the future is supposed to be part of the pundit's trade. For this reason, the word is a term of derision, available to reader, or politician, or any-one else in need of succour from our propositions. For the same reason, this columrumour was got up by the Sunday press which, signifi-cantly, was obscure or silent about the names. In fact all about the names. In fact all the defectors have gone. The two who went all the way were rolling oddballs. Alan Howarth restlessly traversing from right to left, Emma Nicholson, whose party activ-ism never had deep roots. Peter Thurnham, who resigned the whip but not the party, is another one-off odd-ity, and conceivably there are

the same reason, this colum-inist seldom indulges in naked prediction. I have a hard enough time trying to pick a way through the recent past, without volunteering for the minefield abead. minefield ahead. There are times, however, There are times, however, when the present is the future, and the future the only present anyone recog-mises as important. In British politics, we have reached such a time. Nothing else matters. No bill, no decision, Labour people, including the leader, will go on exploiting the media's uncritical inter-est in the rumour-mill grindno speech, no ministerial act of any kind exists other than for its bearing on the future.

Nor does any pronouncement, large or small, by any mem-ber of the Opposition. Predicif not truth. tion, therefore, is hoisted

from a speculative gamble, ig i faction that extinguishes the nored by all prudent chroni-clers, into the essence of the here and now. Punditry can be no challenge to John

eimmate at least 500 more Tory councillors, were desig-nated Major's ultimate Watar-loo. But he finessed this by getting his leadership con-firmed in 1995, and the party has resumed the posture of one that, lacks the will in remove even a leader whom most of its members are sure will be marching it. to

will be marching it to lisaster. ORE important, the leader's own capacity for depres-aion is decisively overriddan by the stubborn-ness of his self-belief. Misfor-

ity, and conceivably there are others with some special reason to jump ship. But I do not think so. The survivors will toll on, mutiny in their heart but not, when it counts, in their vote. Serious Tory wets have every reason to put on the squeeze, reminding Major with men-aces that Euro-phobiam isn't the only game in town. And

ing out its crumbs. Rumour is, after all, political actuality through. 3. The Confidence Vote There will be a confidence But it will be death not do

tarns out will depend so criti-cally on the machinations of Ulstar politicians — progress of the peace, reckonings of future influence, Trimble-/Paisley rivalry etc etc - that nobody can know the outcome. But unless someone else dies, the uncertainty fac-tor favours the Government.

faction that eximple Tory majority. 2. The Leader There will a be no challenge to John a bajor, and no change insti-a gated by himself. A year ago, all this would have been deemed a pathetically erroneous mus 1996 local else the forces of reck-

lessness and responsibility. It has already begun. The scope for large tax-cuts is disputed between different Treasury advisers, even more so among those fastidious students of

those fastidious students of economics. Tory politicians with seats to save. Kenneth Clarke will continue to be res-ponsible, John Townend to be reckless, and John Major to haver between the two. A bettle is likely, in the end game, between numbers 10 and 11 Downing \$t. Ou this occasion, the Chancellor will secure revenge for his recent defeat, over the single-cur-rency referencing because, when all is said and done, the Prime Minister is concerned ness of his self-belief. Misfor-tume has rendered his skin all but impermeable. The injus-tice of prospective defeat hardens his will to remain in office until the end. His belief in politics being a funny old game bestows some of the cold acrenity with which Nick Faldo, the no-hoper, went into the final round against Greg Norman. Party and leader, imprisoned in the status quo, have a pact, dismal but now when all is said and done, the Prime Minister is concerned to protect his place in history. He does not want to be the agent of his own unravelling as the man of matchless economic sagacity, who left Brit-ain better placed than for many years to secure long-term, export-led growth.

5. The Election Will be lost have a pact, dismal but now pre-destined, to see it by the Conservatives, proba-bly won with clarity by spring, as I expect, or in the or refuted by events, to whet automn, as the Reaper may the schadenfrende of the rote, which the Government require. Contrivances are

year or more, and no opposi-tion has secured as big a swing as Labour needs to get a majority. But in the battle of the omens. I prefer the less Delphic message that no gov-ernment has won after being 25 points behind in the polls for most of the middle three years of its term. The final element that gives

some Tories hope is the Lib-Lab split. Wasted Lib Dem Lab split. Wasted Lib Dem votes, they say, will protect enough Tory seats from Labour capture. But equally South Staffs, where the Lib Dem Lost her deposit, is a har-binger of what will happen when the Labour juggernant is rolling. On stitue count they

rolling. On either count, they say, the old failure of tactica

sty, the old failure of factical voting on the left will come to the rescue of the right. I be-lieve this analysis is the falsest optimism. South Staffs is a harbinger of Tory doom on many fronts. It reveals a nation that now understands how it can most efficiently cover out the test to which it

how it can most efficiently carry out the task to which it is unaiterably committed get-ting rid of the Conservative government by whichever means in any locality looks like doing the business. What happens then is the stuff of another set of predic-tions rulch are nerthang rather tions which are perhaps rather herder to make. Quite a lot will depend on the Lib-Lab issue and the balance between the parties of the left, along with the unexamined issue of what sort of Labour Party sits on the government benches. As the year passes, there ought to be acreeds of prophecy about that, which is open to investigation. It will matter for a decade. Meanwhile, this is a

will win. This is the tricklest prediction. That there will be such a vote is certain. Labour would look very silly if it failed to promote one before the summer recess. How it turns out will depend so criti-



COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9

Meg Henderson

F ALL the borrors the Tories have visited on us over the past 15 years, two slot easily into the crime category; a precursor of both was the Baroness's notoborn was the Baroness's hoto-rious pronouncement that "there is no society, only people". First there was the dismantling and destruction of the NHS, and second the disaster known as Care in the Community which is perform Community, which is perhaps their worst transgression. Penny-pinching masquerad-ing as idealism; disregard for the least able in our mythical the near able in our injunca society cynically elevated to liberal thinking. Whatever way you put it, this abnega-tion of all responsibility puts at risk not just the mentally ill, but, as we have seen too

often, the general public too. Within the past few weeks we have heard the latest reports on murders committed by sick people turned on to the streets, where many will die. A schizophrenic released de-

spite pleas from his family that he was dangerous, who then murdered his mother and nine-year-old stepbrother. Another who killed his father and an elderly couple after warnings were ignored; in this case the investigation de-

cided that the psychiatrist concerned had been "unrealistic". What about culpable?

There are fewer acute beds for the mentally ill, fewer places of refuge and treatment places of refuge and treatment for the sickest people; but that word "unrealistic" provides a strong clus, Since my men-tally handicapped daughter was diagnosed as psychotic two years ago, I have discor-ered a politically correct movid where it is sumstimest world where it is sometimes hard to distinguish the pa-

tients from the staff. For a start, it is frowned upon to describe her condition as mental illness: this implies that there is something wrong with her. No, what we must do

toms are denied or minimis

tence of mental illness or you will be ostracised. A strong pillar of this inno

vative approach is that per-ceived risk to and from vul-nerable, confused and sometimes dangerous people is over-protection caused by ignorant prejudice, and th demonstrate the errors of this line of thinking, the doors must be thrown open. And all will be well; there

may be the odd hiccup, a mur-der or two for which no psy-chiatrist will be held account-able. That's only fair, the risk we must take. But keep the faith, the public will learn to

cope. Any mention of protection will earn you a sharp smack across the hand; protection is a pery dirty word. It is all about rights now, the rights of the mentally ill as defined by the gurus of PPC (Psychi-atric Political Correctness), and that does not include the wint is a metation. right to protection. There is the right of female patients to do what they want with their own bodies, which iranslates own bodies, which translates as having sex with any and everyone for a cigarette. The right to reproduce, with total disregard for the effects on the children who will end up in care. The right of the men-tally ill, sorry, normal vari-ants, to make their own deci-sions, coincidentally very often the decisions the nexchioften the decisions the psychi atrist wants them to make.

Families who ask questions are branded "difficult", and those voicing a different opinion risk being deprived of any information, on the convenient grounds of confidential ity. It may also deprive the patient of the family's support, but it is all for the cause

ET not so long ago the greatest tracedy for the mentally ill was that they were snubbed by the public and deserted by their families. With no one to speak for them they were open to the excesses of those who were charged with their care. Women locked up for a life-time for the crime of giving illegitimate birth. lobotomie carried out, experimentation and mega-dosing with drugs — all terrible crimes against - all terrible crimes against defenceless people. The ex-cesses of the past had to be stopped, but the pendulum has swung to the other ex-treme. The current crop of psychiatrists have proved themselves no better then those who harmed their pa-tients in the past. Only

Y eye is caught by a most unpsual head line in the Jewish hronicle: "UK asked to aid ig-breeder's war claim." eter Szabo and his sister Li-ria Bleier have been suing Fermany since 1958, for impensation (now claimed at £3.4 million) over the confiscation of pigs belonging to their Hungarian father, one of the Jewish world's top-ranked pig farmers. The Nazis took the swine and sent them from Budapest to Berlin, and the siblings who have turned down a paltry German offer of just over £200,000 -- have now turned to Malcohn Rifkind for succour. Let us hope he provides it.

N enchanting press release arrives from Leeds-based clothing Company Harry Brown. "Everything he buys," says the document, of the typical punter, "has to pass the clas-sic design criteria . . . the

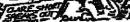
kind of things we all want at one time or another ... things like dog tags," it con-tinues, "and PLO scarves." So then, Yasser Arafat has finally made it as a fashion icon. Perhaps, since he has a store in Belfast, that loveable eccentric Harry Brown might consider add-ing the black balaclava to

the range? It could take its place alongside "Harry's own leather jackets, includ-ing one modelled on those worn by the LA Police Department". How sweet. They should ask Rodney King to endorse it.

NDY Barker, a repor-ter with the Star Series of weekly free-sheets delivered to homes on the north-east coast, bas tripped over a fall black bag of rubbish left in a corridor at the office. 'Tve written to you six times to tell you to stop putting your rubbish through my door," said a note taped to it, addressed to the editor. "You haven't, so here's mine."



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First fruits of a new order

David Hirst, in Beirut, argues that Israel's Grapes of Wrath operation signals the broadening background to its central conflict with Syria

O more rockets on Qiryat Shmona, exulted Menahim Begin when, with Oper-ice in Galilee, he ourbeen years, and sser incursions, rockets into Qiryat Shmona. ation Peace in Galilee, he sent his army into Lebanon in 1982. Fourteen years, and many lesser incursions, later, the rockets are still fall-ing, and in greater profusion, The Hizballah are, of course Lebanese, and, as such, theirs is a purely patriotic struggle to drive the Israelis out of the Lebanese land they occury. But Hizbullah are also an ex-tension of others' will. Those than they ever have before. Stopping them is unquestion-ably the prime objective of the Grapes of Wrath. But be-yond the assault on Hizbulothers are not just Iran, their main patron, but President Assad, who, as chief powerlah, there lies a wider objec-tive, or a wider message, and Syria is the chief target of it. So it was in 1962. For then, too, the Israelis insisted that broker in Lebanon, can promote or demote them for his

their only enemy was the "terrorists"; they wouldn't attack the Syrians unless they attacked then: It was own specifically Syrian pur-poses, which, ultimately, could be very different from Iran's." Substitute Sheikh Ha pure cant, of course, They simply couldn't get to the "terrorists" headquarters in Nasrallah for Arafat and, so far as its two main protago Beirut without tackling the Syrians, on the ground and nists, Syria and Israel, are concerned, Lebanon's new

in the air, who stood in their war-by-proxy is much the same as earlier ones. What has changed - and almost Fourteen years on, the "terrorists" still have their headquarters in Beirut and, out of recognition - is the regional and international in attacking them, Israeli helicopters attacked nearby context, the wider configura-tion of forces, in which it takes place. It has changed in Syrian positions too. It was unintentional, they said But Israel's favour, Not for the first time. For it was only be-cause of an earlier such that is pure cant too. For unintentional or not, the deeper import remains the same: in change that, in 1982, Israel

embarked on its invasion. taking on Hizbullah, the Israching on those who with an Arab state, had just - with American blessing - Jordan signed more than a between themselves. raelis are, as a matter of

me into full effect, and i come into full enert, and a felt strong enough to attempt, via war in Lebanon, an ambi tions feat of geopolitical engi-nearing whose ultimate objective was to bring the Palestinians and its other Arab neighbours to peace on its terms

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The Lebanese adventure went very sour. But still, in merpected ways to which it undoubtedly contributed, is-rael has now achieved much of the agends which Begin then had in mind. It has concluded two more "separate peaces", with the Palestinians and Jordan. Only Assed still holds out.

He doesn't have the strength to impose his conception of a just peace — with a complete Israeli pull-out from the Go-lan at its heart — but he, and his Lebanese appendage, do have the strength to resist the Hizbullah. "capitulation" of an Arafat or a Hussein. Such is Assad's a cussem. Such is Assad's reading of the prevailing bal-ance of power, of which his support for Hizbullah, as an instrument of instrument of pressure, or ul-timately as a bargaining chip

he can trade in, is but an outgrowth. But now, even that already unfavourable balance is changing yet again in Israel's favour. That is what, by taking on Hizbullah, Israel is, in effect, proclaiming: Assad, it says, cannot expect to make | ron extraordinary of Islamist peace when he continues to harbour or encourage the "enemies of peace", all those "terrorist" groups, the secu-lar have beens like George Habash's Popular Front, or up-and-coming Islamist ones like Hamas — and, of course, Hizbullah. The strategic cards in Assad's hand have dwindled alarmingly down

trying to strip him of yet one more. Much hangs on a Syr-ian-Israeli peace. Without it all the others could collapse. That accounts for the US's enduring ambivalence towards him. On the one hand, it sees SCODE. him as a "radical": Syria stays on its list of "terrorist" states. On the other, it humours him because it needs him to complete the peace

But there is a limit, and basically it is an Israeli-defined one, to the humouring. This never wholly concealed its obverse: that if he grew too obdurate, too resistant to peace as the US and Israel conceive it then the time would come for him to be cut down to size, to become the object of that "containment" which the US applies to all those other "terrorist" states of the

region, to Iran, Iraq, Libya and Sudan. The time would come to play on that sense of siege and encirclement to which Syrian rulers are inherentily prome. That, in fact, is already happening. So at least Syria perceives it. For it, Grapes of Wrath is only the sudden and violent, the "hot" manifestation of a changing balance of power to which other elements, actual or po-tential, would contribute far more than the elimination of

HIEF of these is the Turkish-Is-raeli military pact, announced two weeks ago, under which Israel has access to Turkish air bases. At a stroke Israel has vastly en-

hanced its operational range. If the part is what the Arabs fear it is, Israel can not only strike at Syria from two direc-

"terror". Turkey is thus emerging as a key player in Washington's new Middle Eastarn order. Another element in it is the continuous upgrading of the Israeli-US relationship. And a third is the role of Jordan. It now has US aircraft deployed on its soil, engaged in sorties over southern Iraq. And it is becoming clear that

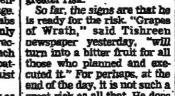
mera peace treaty with Is-rael, as Egypt did: it is mov-ing towards fully-fledged security arrangements with it activist in nature and regional, not just bilateral, in Syria is not alone in voicing alarm at "aggressive alli-ances" which threaten to po-

larise the region into a "peace camp", composed of all those who, willy-nilly, stand with the US and Israel in all they

do, and a "war camp", composed of those who don't. Egypt is alarmed too. If it is true, said al-Ahram last week, that the US and Israel will soon conclude a mutual de-fence treaty, and if this includes US recognition of Israel's right to a nuclear deterrent, that will do grave and long-term damage to the peace process of kind that Hamas suicide bombers never could.

But Assad it is who now bears the immediate brunt of it all, in the shape of this new war-by-proxy in Lebanon. The Damascus press yester-day had no doubt about it: it is the first fruit of the Sharm al-Sheikh "anti-terrorist" summit, of the "American-Israeli alliance" that was forged there.

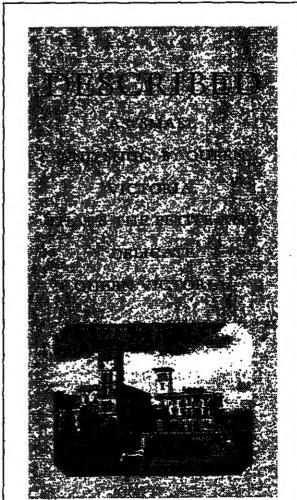
Iran is not going to call off the Hizbullah, and Lebanon cannot. Only Assad has a choice. If, at long last, the rockets do stop falling on Qiryat Shmona, it means that he will have bowed, yet again, to a whole new, and yet more unfavourable balance of power. If they don't, it means he is defying it - at ever greater risk.



great risk as all that. He does retain one vital card in his otherwise drastically weakening hand. It is that, in spite of the overwhelming superiority now on such contemptuous display in the skies over Bei-rut, the Israelis would be almost as reluctant as Syria to escalate from war-by-proxy in Lebanon to direct, total war is recognise that her problem, in reality the severest kind of tients in the past. Only mental illness, is the public's different

perception of her difficulties. For "mental illness" read The Tories stand rightly accused of abusing those least able to fend for themselves, but to their equal shame so "normal variant"; change the words and we calm the fears of the public, who will then too do the advocates of PPC. They also together in a truly unholy alliance: political ex-pediency and political cor-rectness feeding off each cope admirably with the behaviour they see. Why dim't we think of it before? In this crusade all sympother. May they both be vanand anyone suggesting that the patient is hallucinating, for instance, will be treated quished soon, or God help us all, the normal and the normai veriants alike.

with withering contempt. The message is clear, enter the Meg Henderson is a journalist conspiracy to deny the exis- based in Scotland



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10 OBITUARIES

Nico Kiasashvili

Georgian love of English

ARELY has dedi-cation to English literature found such a brave, distant voice as in the life of Nico Kiasashvili, who has died in his native Georgia, aged 69. He was known internationally for his critical work on Shakespeare and James Joyce, but back in his homeland his triumph was in making modern English liter-ature available and relevant in a suspicious, anti-literary Soviet society. His transla-tions included "Giacomo Joyce" back in 1969; Harold Pinter's The Caretaker in 1975; Orwell's Animal Farm in 1991 and he completed

Joyce's Ulysses, just before he ! Nico Kiasashvili's great | lomatic cover, he was sumsuccess was to convince the Moscow authorities that he Born in Tbilisi, the Georgian capital, he imbibed a passion for English theatre would make a good cultural attache at the Soviet embassy in London. Between 1959 and from his actor parents. As an 11-year-old he witnessed the 1962, combining his congenial personality with knowledge and affection for modern liter-Stalinist purges of 1937 which wiped out a quarter of Geor-gia's Union of Writers and led ature and art, he forged life-long friendships with a numto the arrest, exile or execu-tion of 260,000 Georgians from a population of 3.5 million. In ber of eminent figures, including CP Snow, But his 1953 he married Meri Tsit-sishvili daughter of a noble diplomatic career was shortlived. He recalled how his family, whose father had been murdered in the purges for increasingly paranoid col-leagues believed that the clatallegedly toasting a Polish ambassador. She became a tering of his typewriter was morse-code, transmitting to the British. After refusing to distinguished English

marily returned to the University of Tbilisi and never posted abroad again. He managed to maintain in-formal contacts in Moscow which allowed him to travel abroad to conferences, and further developed his net-work of academic and artistic friends while visitors to his Tbilisi flat included Snow, Arthur Miller and Allen Ginsberg. Never tempted to stay in the West, he said that while away

he, like Joyce of Dublin, al-ways felt nostalgia for the sounds and smells of his native city. He produced a serve the KGB under his diptireless flow of translations

plus articles on Joyce, Shake- | tors like the Rustaveli speare, Yeats, Eliot, Golding. some with risky titles like D H Lawrence Should Be Translated! (1974). He founded the Shakespeare Seminar at Thilisi University in 1970 and from 1976 was the only Soviet representative on the International Shakespeare Associa-

tion executive In 1982 he became head of Thilis's English department, inspiring his students, pro-tecting his staff and ensuring that the dissident Zviad Gamsakburdia never lost his lec-turing job. As a member of Georgia's Union of Theatre Critics he defended avantgarde playwrights and direc

Theatre's Robert Sturua who now frequently directs in

London's West End. In 1998 he was in Britain for a conference. By then his salary was worth two dollars a month, but he still carried a camera with pictures left for old friends", Pinter, Lady An-tonia Praser. Tom Stoppard, CP Snow's son and Sam Wanamaker

He leaves a son Zurab and a daughter, Maya. She now can ries the torch her father left in the Caucasus as the British Council's senior represent tive in Thilisi. In 1994 in Stratford-on-Avon

shvili recalled how, as a

Kiassshvilli ... inspiration

child he overheard his parents discussing the disappearance of his uncle during the purges. "The boy may repeat at school." they whispered. "what we say at home." During their diligent, tactful son's life he was to repeat what many artists said, and those he selected were among the best the English language could produce.

Nico Klasashvili, professor o English literature, born June 8.

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Letter

The Guardian Tuesday April 16 1996

Philip Purser writes: I came across George Mackay Brown (obituary, April 15) when a magazine I wrote for ran one of his stories. It was spare. seemingly artless and yet so powerful. My wife fell for his stories and his poetry even more thoroughly, so, one holi-day we made a pilgrimage to Orkney. When we met him in the Stromness Hotel bar I was carrying a review copy of his latest novel, *Magnus*. His eyes went straight to it, we didn't realise that his own copies hadn't yet arrived. He must have been burning to look at ork pricod L

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it, but after a quick peek he concentrated on us. He was shy, charming and consider-ate. We had the children with us, including Harriet in a wheelchair, someone strang-ers sometimes leave out of the chat. Not George. Without any condescension or striving to think up topics, he in-cluded her all the time. Since he had the local habit of endara Dragadze and Peter ing everything he said with the name of the person he was addressing, she was doubly dalighted

Birthdays

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62; Donald MacCormick

television presenter, 57; Mar-garet Maden, educationist, 56; Ruth Madoc, actress, 53; Queen Margrethe of Den-mark, 56; Conchita Marti-

nez, tennis player, 34; Spike Milligan, comedian and writer, 78; Barry Nelson, ac-

tor, 76; Jimmy Osmond, singer, 33; Sir Geoffrey

Owen, former editor, Finan-

cial Times, 62; Brian Pep-piatt, banker, 62; Judge Rant, QC, Judge Advocate General, 60; Gerry Rafferty, singer and songwriter, 48;

Constance Shacklock, mezzo-soprano, 83; Dusty Springfield, rock singer, 56

educationist, 70; Sir Peter Ustinov, actor and writer, 7a.

Joan Bakewell, broadcaster, 63; Ellen Barkin, American actress, 42; Lord Camoys, deputy chairman, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, 56: Lynne

Marcel Bleustein-Blanchet

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The man who put the gloss in advertising

CONSUMERISM is buildozer mercilessly ploughing its way through the 20th century, then Marcel Bleustein-Blanchet, who has died aged 89, was one of the people at its controls Founder in 1926 of the Publicis agency, France's first ad-vertising agency. Bleustein-Blanchet is credited in France with transforming vulgar ad-vertising, into sophisticated artform.

He was a pioneer of news radio, advertising jingles and quiz shows. He was the first man to put Edith Piaf and Maurice Chevalier on to the wireless, and after General de Gaulle's first. wooden, televi-sion broadcast in the late fifties he told the president 'When you go into people's homes, you take your cap

Marcel Bleustein was the youngest of nine children and his Russian Jewish parents sold furniture in Montmartre. Marcel had playground punch-ups with Alexis Moncorgé — the future actor, Jean Gabin — before leaving school at the age of 14. His school certificate stated that he could "read, write and count". Six years later he left the Adolphe Levitan furniture company to work as a publicity agent. "You could sell hot air," his father

apparently observed. By the end of the 1920s



(right) one of the company's pioneering ads for brassieres

aire. Having founded the Pubbining the stations into Radio lic's agency, and noting what was going on in the United States, he pioneered French Cite. This was launched in 1935, mixing game shows, soap operas, news and popuradio advertising. He came up lar music. In 1938 the station with legendary slogans like the tongue-twister. "André, le broadcast the Nazi takeover of Austria live - a sports chausseur sachant chausser reporter on assignment in Vi-enna held his telephone out of a window to pick up the the shoemaker who knows how to shoe (you) — and "Brunswick, is fourreur qui fait fursur" (the furrier of the coldiers. furore).

With war he served briefly In 1934 the government in the air force before the fall he began handing over the of France. He made it to Lon- reins of Publicis - which banned state radio advertisdon — via a Spanish jail — remains family-owned. while the Germans seized Amidst the wreckage of his ing and he was ruined. Marcel responded by buying the

vice with the Free French Forces, during which time he adopted the pseudonym Blanchet, he returned to postwar Paris to start again, Radio having Citè been nationalised.

"Pre-war publicity was like pre-war aviation," he wrote in his autobiography. "You flew faster but you were visi-- no radars or auto-pible lots. After the war, publicity became more sophisticated. It was a meeting point between sociology, psychology and economics." There was also more competition. Bleustein-Blanchet as he had now become. pioneered market research, developed an unofficial career as a media adviser to politicians, and in 1958 opened the first of a chain of late-night shops. Buying the old Hotel Astoria by the Arc de Triomphe, Bleustein-Blan-chet transformed it into the Drugstore Publicis and put his offices upstairs. It was followed by two other drugstores - French interpretations of American style containing everything from

in 1972 a fire devastated the sound of goose-stepping Champs-Elysées Drugstore. Though he continued to take an active interest in the work.



"La Femme à la Rose

tress," Mauduit observed three daughters, and Bleustein-Blanchet was, according to his ghost-writer Jean Mau-"She was very demanding.

duit, devastated by the death Alex Dunial Smith of his eldest daughter, Marie-Francoise, in a car accident. Marcal Sleustein-Blanchet, ed

vertising magnate, born August

Dr William Stearn, botanist, 85; Leo Tindemans, former prime minister of Belgium, 74: Prof Barbara Tizard,

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pharmacies to cinemas - on prime Paris sites.

> ployee, Maurice Levy, salvaging records. He claimed later that he had decided. then, that Lévy would succeed him. In 1939 he married Sophie Vaillant, granddaughter of the socialist leader, Edouard "He used to say that the world

and com- Radio Cité. After further ser- flagship, he found an

Gordon Pask

Dandy of cybernetics

gant theory of learning that stands without peer. His achievement was to establish a unifying framework that subsumes the subjectivity of human experience and the objectivity of scientific tradition.

Sponsored by governments and industries on both sides of the Atlantic, his life-long research spanned biological computing, artificial intelligence, cognitive science. logic. linguistics, psychology, and artificial life. His was an original approach to age-old questions of how the human organism learns from its environment and relates to

fruit business in Covent Gar-

ORDON Pask, who has lege. Cambridge University, as always, as an Edwardian died aged 67, spent his the University of London, the dandy in double-breasted life developing an elesenses that these were simply locations, and his many advanced degrees mere souve-nirs of work that was entirely his own creation. He placed himself squarely

in the tradition of cybernet-ics, while at the same time charging ahead in a direction that was wholly new. Cyber-netics was named in the 1940s as the discipline concerned with information, feedback, identity and purpose. These concerns were independent of

whether the system in question was an animal or machine, individual or popula tion. This domain suited

others through language. Andrew Gordon Speedie Pask was born in Derby, the many academic of the many academic research labs around the world where he played the role of consultant-as-catalyst. den. The biographies from world where he played the human and around again. For Pask's six book jackets men-tion Liverpool Technical Col- he stood out. He was dressed, by which we understand each

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Mathematics (OUP) has just

was slight of build, but the power of his mind made him huge. His courtly manner softened the intimidation of his probing questions and his fierce interest in precision and speed. When Pask built his ma

chines and his theory, his philosophical view was at odds with artificial intelligence, which arose from the seeds of cybernetics but presumes that knowledge is a commodity to pluck from the environment and stick in a cubbyhole. Pask's learning environ

ments, whether for entertain-ment touch-typing or statis-tics, viewed the human as part of a resonance that looped from the human. through the environment or apparatus, back through the human and around again. For Pask, that is the interaction

Pask ... intense

other when we speak or dance together. He specified how this works in detail in his many publications on conversation theory. Pask's criticisms of artifl

cial intelligence were publicly polite but probing. His private view was that it was impoverished and could not achieve is goal of reproducing intelli-gence. He had himself repro-duced intelligent behaviour with electro-mechanical ma-chines soldered by his own chines soldered by his own hand in the 1950s. By realising that intelligence resides in in-

teraction, not inside a head or attribution, it was the deter- Austin Mini. He followed the box, his path was clear. To mination with which he car ahead at a constant, harthose who didn't understand played the "my theory subsumes your theory" game that disturbed them. From his stance, the value of his work was invisible. in his lifetime he received those who adopted his ideas. substantial recognition. Among cyberneticians he is it is hard to know the extent of his influence. The card

catalogues of many libraries list his books, which some-how are missing from the acknowledged as one of the all-time greats. Conversation theory has provided cybernetics with its prescriptive power for modelling learning shelves. Pask was capable of great kindness and sometimes utter and agreement. Outside the field, Pask was disregard for the individual. His theory shows how conflict

known for the intensity and scope of his lectures; audiis a source of cognitive energy and thereby a means for moving a system forward more rapidly. He seemed will-ing to foster conflict around him, even if it drove him and ence comprehension was more elusive. I often heard listeners say that 10 per cent of his talk was understand-able and, if the other 90 per cent was as good, then this guy was really something. others further than physiol-ogy would prefer. His touch-

Even more dense for the uninitiated was his prose, typing tutor pushed the learner harder and harder, to the point where the rate of learning is greatest but also closest to the brink of system collapse. His students and collaborators were vastly where a passion for complete ness and comprehensiveness made entry difficult. This softened in later years, when

his presentations were also more accessible, and he ac-quired a following in the changed by knowing him; some needed time to recover. social sciences.

While living so much in his (and others) heads, Pask had extraordinary sight and hear-ing and physical coordina-tion. I can still feel the adrensocial sciences. While living so much mins Pask's competitors some-times resented his habit of extraordinary sight and bear-incorporating their theories ing and physical coordina-into his own. Though he usu-ally quoted them with full aline as his passenger in an

rowingly-close distance that was precisely maintained the entire route from Richmond to London, Pask doubleclutching all the way. His oneon-one conversations had a similar focus commitment.

From the intensity with which he lived, perhaps his own body suffared the most. Waking him for his evening dinner guests, after his long nights of work and short days of sleep, antailed a delicate balance of firmness and compassion. While waiting, I could review the fruits of his night's work — perhaps a new song lyric or research paper. Before the jacket and bow-tie and cape could go on, here was this mad and bril-liant creature, all sinew, rising to dazzle and demand of us, and of himself, once more. He is survived by his wife

Elizabeth, daughters Amanda and Hermione, and grandson Nicholas.

Paul Pangaro Andrew. Gordon Speedie-Paak cybernetician, producer for the stage and lyricist, born June 28, 1928; died March 29, 1996

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drawn already). Now only one person in 80 has any interest in the jackpot. Ball three reduces the interested population by a factor of 4/47, and one person in 921 sur-vives. So halfway into the draw, of the 20 million watching. only 20,000 still have jackpot hopes. Ball four reduces this by 3/46 and we are down to one person in 14.125; ball five cuts the num bers by 2/45 and only one player in 317,814 remains. Finally the sixth ball reduces

WOKE TO a thunderbolt so violent I thought lightning had torn into Herod's house. sprang from my bed and became entangled in mosquito net, tearing it from me. Across the square, through the fuzz of the rain, came a single, demented scream. Dunstan and the carriers stood up from the fire, chattering in panic. Someone was out in the rain. running our way, screaming as loud as the thunder. He stamped on to the balcony and I could hear it was Herod, shouting like a deaf man would shout, unabl

to hear himself. His screaming sparked hysteria. Dunstan and my carriers tried to shout above him, to make themselves heard, and I could hear Elisa moaning. "God, oh God." Then, as the thunder broke again, they ran out into the storm, shaking the house as they jumped.

Moments later Dunstan was back, alone. He bent down in the doorway to our been published, reveals how to win the Lottery get lucky. room, blocking out the light from the fire, "Edward,

Edward." He spoke in a halfwhisper, insistent. "There's been lightning and it struck the other house. The one with the sick children." He caught his breath, sucking in air in asthmatic gulps, wheezing with the smoke.

"The children?" "Fioluana's wife, his daughter, three more chil-dren. All dead." We stared at each other,

helpless. We both knew that the Liawep, still steeped in the ways of bloody revenge, would now seek a "culprit", and that our presence alone guaranteed us that status. Our lives were now in grave danger... An hour before daybreak, Dunstan led the way at a run ... We ran and ran and ran. For an hour or more it was dark in the jungle, until the morning warmed slowly through. Ahead I could see the carriers twisting down the mountain. their back issuing steam, breath hissing and beaving, a mule train on a cold, high morning ... Dunstan looked over his shoulder, hunted. Above, the sky was lightening. "We have to keep moving. "Do you think they're after us?" "Not yet, but soon . . ." Fit 'n' trim • 10 Easy Ways To Lose Fat Four days later we arrived back at Wanakipa, where the carriers lived, and from Great Sex Tonight — 12 indercover secrets The Ultimate Fitness Test where we'd started. They Sculpt Your Arms By were jubilant. Back on home

What should I say? I felt

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were jubiant. Back on nome turf, they no longer feared ambush...Two hours later, three Liawep men hauled into the village...They de-manded to know what had killed their people. No one had great died in this wart Be (Much) Better Than The Average Man
Update Your Wardrobe
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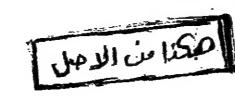
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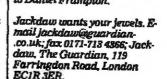
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Bank revives rates battle

Cash hoard seen as inflation threat

Larry Elliott Economics Edit

Bank was concerned that the strong expansion of cash and bank accounts reflected pent-up spending power which could be unleashed over the HE Bank of England is preparing for a renewed battle with coming months.

Despite official figures showing that key parts of the economy remain in the dol-drums, the Bank fears that the Government after posting a public warn-ing yesterday that strong any reduction in base rates to stimulate demand could growth in the money supply poses a threat to the fight against inflation. merely stoke up consumer spending at a time when it is Deputy governor Howard

rising anyway. Devies said yesterday that the Data from the Office for

National Statistics showed in the winner slowdown in ithe scanomy prevented Brit-ain's manufacturers from pushing up their tariffs. Output prices nose by 0.2 per cent in March, bring-ing the annual rate of in-crease down from 3.7 per cent to 3.4 per cent, the lowest level since December 1996. Level since December 1996. Level since down from 3.7 per cent to bacco and petrol — a better summeth, but dropped alightly e on an annual basis to 3.4 per cent. This bid is keeping factory d gate prices in check is under-today from the Building Em-ployers Confederation, which realists that 20,000 more jobs

higher consumer spending which could in turn lead to an

increase in inflation. Mr Davies said: "And then are, of course, other factors which may influence consumers this year, for example, the reductions in personal tax-ation which took effect last week, and a variety of ope-off payments -- windfalls -- from building society conversions and margers, maturing Tes-ses and rebates from utility

companies "All of this is good news, in one sense. It adds support to our view that the economy generally will pick up in the second half of the year. But Edited by Alex Brummer HE death of inflation, as propagated by Roger Bootle of HSBC Markets, is an interesting theory, gainwhat we must ensure is that the pick-up is not so large or so rapid as to threaten the achievement of the Govern-

ing new adherents all the time. Indeed, the latest pro-ducer prices figures — the nent's inflation targe

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been ill-advised by SBC-War-burg, which has bent over backwards to ensure it does not have a flop on its hands. With each succeeding inter-vention by the Labour Party, the taxpayers' benefit from the sale — in the shape of PSBR reduction — is pared back. The irony now is that as Labour ups the political ante, with a poster campaign and the insistence on a Commons debate, it may also increase the eventual costs for Rail-track's substantial invest-

respects the Government has

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ment programme. For those prepared, how-ever, to put the moral outrage to one side and consider Rail-track's possibilities in the private sector, the prospects could be quite alluring. It is a classic utility business with possibilities for ratcheting lowest annual rate since De-cember 1994 — would appear to confirm the Bootle thesis. But there is an alternative school of thought, snjoined by the Bank of England's deputy governor, Howard Davies, at the Jewish Care business down costs through new tech-nologies such as modern signalling systems; anding Span-ish practices in the labour force and outsourcing some breakfast, that the old enemy is still there, but well dis-guised. No one is closely watching the money supply

services. Who knows, Railtrack, like another transport firm Brit-M4 any longer, because it preaches a different message ish Airways, could well pros-per in the private sector; investors may kick themselves if they miss out on anything to the headline measures of In the Davies view, ezother than political grounds pounded over his smoked salmon omelette, inflation

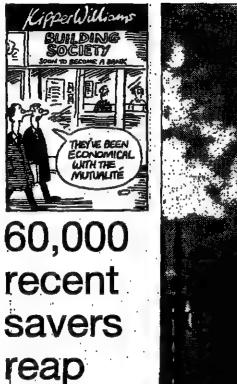
City awakening

T IS a 10 years since the City's system of self-regula tion was introduced. Finally, much to the bemuse-ment of those of us who have ment of those of us who have chronicled examples of City excess over the period, one of the Square Mile's "jumior" watchdogs has admitted the system doesn't work. The Investment Manage-

monetary regime was put into place, sher the UK's ejection from the ERM, monetary ment Regulatory Organisa-tion, which keeps an eye on part of the decision-making. But, with average earnings under control and the econofund managers and their wares, has come to the star-tling conclusion that its mem-ber firms abould "put inves my slackening, the Bank has tended to take its inflation signals from the output gap, the capacity constraints in the economy, rather than the tors' interest first'' and remove "redundant regula-tory requirements". It wants to reward firms which dis-play a distinct "compliance



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windfall

PECULATORS who Shave only just opened accounts with Bristol & West Building Society, as well as investors with less than £100 in their accounts. are set to receive windfalls after the society confirmed yesterday it had agreed to a £600 million takeover by Bank of Ireland.

Britain's ninth-biggest building society said it exwill come in either cash shares or a mixture, to be paid after the deal has been completed in mid-1997.

receive up to £1,000. The society is the fourth this year to abandon the century-old principle of mutuality. The Woolwich, which last month dismissed chief executive Peter Robinson, Alliance & Lelcester and Northern Rock have all an-

nounced plans to float on the stock market, promising similar payouts to

More than 1.1 million | terms of its payout to | also receive a bonus, pro- | played down suggestions

in the hope of receiving windfall gains. John Burke, Bristol & West's chief executive, said borrowers and investors organisation, and they should be given the chance with share accounts at the to build up their accounts. Morally, I feel happier with start of business yesterday would receive at least £250. This includes the estimated 60,000 speculators who that then with rewarding

speculators." have opened accounts since the start of the year. But unlike the other In addition, any qualify-three, Bristol & West will ing member with less than not be structuring the £100 in their account will of freland's approach had been the most suitable for members and staff, and he

savers and borrowers will exclude the people Mr Rob-receive up to £1,000. The society is the fourth this year to abandon the in the hope of receiving Mr Burke said: "These in the hand and, if another is to £500 after "a came flying out of the bush, are loyal members who have played an important part in the growth of the we should take a great deal

of convincing." At the same time, Bank of Ireland chief executive Patrick Molloy, who pledged that there would be no job losses as a result of the deal, said the bank had not ruled out further acquisi-Bristol & West chairman Lord Armstrong said Bank tions in the sector. Birmingham & Mid-

brought about by idle specshires, Britain's 11th-big-gest society and a favourite for takeover or conversion. ulation and rumour, has dramatically affected service standards."

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The gilts market already is telling a different story, in the shape of an upward adjust-ment in yields this year. A new front in the battle be-It could be you ... Bristol & West's John Burke (left) and Bank of Ireland's Patrick Molloy announce big wins for the speculators Photosrovit Power Powerson tween Threadneedle and Downing Streets could just be opening.

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non and the 10 per cent growth in broad money — which in-cludes such items as building society deposits — is a poten-

tial worry. Mr Davies is right

to pender how long the cash bonuses will stay on deposit and if they will be turned into

Certainly, when the current

measures were an essential

Train spotting

ings by speculators. Chief executive Mike Jackson, who has been tipped to replace Mr Robin-"HE Railtrack pathfinder, with its 253 pages of small print, is filled with son at the Woolwich, said: "We regret having to raise items that will shock the senaibility of those who believe in a fairer Britain. "I am not talking to the Woolwich or anyone con-nected with it, but this wave of new business, There are sweetheart hous-

Dan Atkinson

ing loans to directors (now repaid), an overgenerous bo-nus scheme and a long-term incentive plan which could result in remuneration pack-ages doubling as the cost savings come through. This is be-fore one starts to grapple with the intricacles of a property portfolio that can be valued at E1.4 billion, if working as well as investment property is included. None of this, nor the divi-

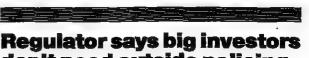
them with routine checks and unnecessary paperwork. Imro's proposals — billed as its "Third Regulatory Plan" — are surprising in the

culture" by not harassing

sense that they do not appear to have been carved into the door when the watchdog set up its office in the first place. It is common knowledge in the City that, while individual investors and market professionals have been inundated with meaningless bureaucracy, legislative shortcomings have provided an open road for wrongdoers, as the late Robert Maxwell discovered.

After a year of record bids and mega-leaks, for instance, no one seems to have been disciplined for insider dealing, by the DTI or Stock Exchange, since 1994; at the same time, technical breaches of impenetrable City rule books have besmirched the names of some of the couniry's top (and most trustwor-thy) financial institutions.

Imro's response now has dend giveaway, worth a po-tential 15-20 per cent rate of the appearance of public rela-tions flannel. Its big idea is to return on the investment, will set up a "pilot study", and see how things work out. The please those who oppose prigrounds. Indeed, in some things out rather quicker.



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in secondary schools. Mr Thorpe's two-pronged attack — self-monitoring and advising investors — aims to SOME of Britain's biggest fund managers could take responsibility for regulating liberate resources for the intensive monitoring of "prob-lem" companies. Of IMRO's themselves, freeing City supervisors to concentrate on problem cases and on firms lealing in highly speculative 11,000 plus members, 50 are thought ready to take part in a darivative products. Plans announced yesterday pflot "self-regulation" scheme. Some 10 per cent of IMRO's members, added Mr Thorpe, by IMRO, the investment management regulator, would shift the burden of monitorhad "recurring problems with regulation" because of ing low-risk companies to their size or inclination. The initiative would free IMRO's, IMRO chief executive Phil-lip Thorpe, announcing the 70-strong staff for watching firms posing an above average risk to investors.

agency's regulatory plan for 1996/7, supported recent calls for greater public instruction • The Personal Investment Authority plans to lighten the on the subject of personal firegulatory burden on less nance. He urged that a data-base be established to gather commercially oriented friendly societies, particudetails of any educational inilarly small institutions catertiatives following last week's ing for "affinity" groups, suggestion, by a Treasury-backed task force, that finan-trade or profession.

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Nomura defends £250m sell-off Pace set to make

Patrick Donovin **City Editor**

knt's close. OMURA intends to fight allegations that it manipulated the Despite the inquiry, No-Sydney stock market, after questioning one of its traders involved in selling £250 million worth of Australian shares just before the market closed on March 29 - the fi-nancial year-and for the

Tokyo-based institution. The transaction, which was carried out through Nonnra's Hong Kong office. sparked an investigation by the Australian Securities Commission. The Australian Stock Exchange requested a

mura appears privately con-vinced that there is no case to answer after discussing the matter with the trader in-volved, Duncan Moss. De-scribed as a "medium level trader", Mr Moss will return sudden drop in the bench-mark Sydney All Ordinaries index at a time when Nonuto his post in Hong Kong later this week. Mr Moss, who is officially

on the payroll of the London office, is understood to have ra's Hong Kong operations had instructed Australian brokers to sell more than been on a prearranged holi-A\$450 million worth of day in the UK. Compliance officials from

abares. Officials from the Sydney Futures Exchange and the Nomura's City headquarters are understood to have ap-

formal inquiry because of the proceed the London Stock Australian Stock Exchange way the share "dumping" hit Exchange to explain their in-prices just before the mar-Nomura yesterday declined rities Commission. The inves to comment. But it is thought to have told the Sydney au-thorities that the March 29 share sale was routine and tigation is not expected to be completed until the end of May Merrill Lynch's profits are being boosted by its 1526 mil-lion takeover of City-based that it was not involved in

any bregular practices. The Australian authorities were alerted after there was a Smith New Court, the Wall Street financial group announced yesterday. Added business from SNC

was a factor in boosting Mer-rill's first-quarker profits by 80 per cent to \$409 million (2277 million).

Nicholas Sannistan Technology Editor Pa leading maker of decoders for satellite and cable television, is coming to

the market later this year in a move which will make multi-

company at at least £130 milmillionaires of its founders, lion and Mr Rubery's at David Hood and Barry The two met 20 years ago to wangle my way into its cy-cling team," Mr Rubery said.

panded into set-top boxes for satellite and cable TV. The

Clive Francis, an action group leader who opposes the sold for 28 million. Paca is now based in a postponment said: "Names are hopping mad." But Damon de Lazlo, chair restored mill at Seltaire, a model village built in 1864 near Shipley, West Yorkshire, by Sir Titus Salt. The comman of the Faitrim action pany rents about 200,000 sq ft of the mill from Jonathan Sil-There is no benefit to the While works by Hockney Names at this stage in going adorn Pace's boardroom, its

to court on this issue. If we win we would be no better off," he said, explaining that elevision around the world. One of the reasons for the flotation is to raise new money to fund the dramatic growth in business during the | few hours of trading. had been finalised anyway.

Names 'furious' over secret clawback deal with Lloyd's start fomotrow, but Lloyd's earmarked for litigating from furious Names, who dis-said yestarday it would apply Names. He has also agreed inust anything that smacks of for an adjournment today. A that Names who have won a furtive deal with Lloyd's. irust anything that smacks of a furtive deal with Lloyd's.

Pauline Springett .

Arupted among Lloyd's Names over an application today for the adjournment of a critical court case to decide if Lloyd's is allowed to seize compensation payments made by courts to Names over their loss es.

The High Court hearing has been eagerly awaited since early last year, when Lloyd's tried to alter the terms of the Names' so-called premium trust deeds to allow it first call on damages awards. Damages awarded so far are being held in solicitors' escrow accounts, causing Names with losses further acute financial distress.

The hearing was due to lion portion of the package and letters to action groups

for an adjournment today. A spokesman said it had the approval of the main defendant, David Woodard, as well as the Litigating Names Committee. The furors centres on a other Names. Mr Deeny, a secret deal understood to Lloyd's council member have been struck last week

ibers.

chairman of the Litigating Names Committee and head between one of the key Names action group leaders, Michael Deeny, and Lloyd's chairman David Rowland. Mr Deeny is believed to have agreed to the postpon-ment of the case until after

ning stiff opposition to the ad-Lloyd's £3 billion-plus rescue ournment. It is understood lawyers representing another Name, Anthony Wilson, will oppose the move. The proposed adjournment package is finalised in May. In return, Mr Rowland is understood to have pledged to try to do his best to add £200 million to the £200 mil-

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Lloyd's would simply appeal. The case would then continue

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But the dissenters are plan-

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The bank added: "Our global fired-income busines also performed exceedingly well."

when Mr Hood was working at Baird Television. "I didn't work for Baird but managed

 sees as the next generation In 1982 they set up Pace to make modems, and later exof home video - sells about 80 per cent of its products OVERSE/S. The advent of digital broad-

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wer, who runs a gallery of paintings by his Bradford schoolfriand David Hockney in the rest of the building.

£93 million when shares in change yesterday. The com-

casting has created a huge new market for Pace, which believes that it is way ahead of its competitors. While the company used its in-house chip design capabilities for its analogue equipment, it has

decided not to do the same for digital products until the David Filo and Jerry Yang,

both in their late twenties, each became worth more than their Internet listing company Yahoo! started trading on the New York Stock Ex-

nast nine months. Pre-tax

profits during the period in-pled to £3 million as cales rose to £135 million. The company

is expected to be worth well

over £200 million when deal-

ing in its shares starts in May

or June. This is likely to

value Mr Hood's stake in the

pany, originally priced at \$227 million, more than

group, which has also been successful in the courts and has £125 million in an escrow account, said the negotiations between the action groups and Lloyd's were continuing

250 million The company, the large volume maker of satellite receivers in Europe and the world's first volume munitie turer of digital decoders based on the MPEG2 standard

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OUTLOOK/ Railtrack won't profit if more passengers take the train and faces a stiff battle to cut labour costs --- but it is hot in property, finds **Chris Barrie**

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John Edmonds, Railtrack chief executive, Bob Horton, chairman, and Norman Broadhurst. finance director, at yesterday's pathfinder prospectus launch

Big spender priced to sell

Newbury bypass protests are being cited in the City as one of the few recent headline events to help the privatisation of Railtrack, owner of the nation's railway lines and stations.

Logic within the Square Mile holds that protests such as Newbury's make it more difficult to win planning permission for motorways. As

N one of those ironies i traffic should increase and i by a lowly 2 per cent a year, \$3.25 billion to maintain particular to politics, the Railtrack's principal source in line with travel generally, track, \$761 million to main-Newbury bypass protests of revenue should rise but to the benefit of the com-tain stations and depots, and accordingly. This optimism is strikingly absent from the pathfinder panies running the trains. There is considerable scope for train companies to prospectus published yester-day. The 250-page document warns potential investors reachedule services to soak up that amount of extra de-

mand without negotiating further track access which would bring Railtrack more that 'passenger access in-come is unlikely to benefit materially from any increase cash.

in passenger demand". There is hefty spending This is partly because rail shead too. Railtrack has pencongestion worsens, so rail use is expected to rise, albeit cilled in spending of years ago," it says.

Investors are being invited to buy into a company with limited prospects for growth. Looking backwards, investors £237 million on day-to-day maintenance. As if to emphahave seen rail's share of the sise the crumbling nature of the railway infrastructure, the prospectus points out the company is responsible for bridges, viaducts, tunnels, embankments, cuttings, retaining walls, culverts and sea defences. "Many were constructed more than 100

market for personal transport fall from 17 per cent in 1954 to 5 per cent in 1994/95. Looking forwards, the outlook may well be brighter — both political parties support more rail The Government and its an visers have done their best to

kickstart the deal by offering investors a dividend, in the autumn, of £69 million paid from profits earned while the company was in state hands. By pricing the retail offer at a discount to the institutional price, ministers hope to woo investors uneasy about the railway industry's poor image. Priced to sell, the company once valued at 26 billion is now being touted at about

Its chairman, Bob Horton, £1.8 billion. spoke yesterday of how Railiors may find kai Tack doded to cut cos signing new contracts with contractors and improving eftrack's incentivised managers uncarthing fresh value from the company's portfolio ficiency. Staff levels and working practices must come top of Railtrack's hitlist. Other utilities have cut staff of 20,000 miles of track, 40,000 bridges and viaducts and tun-nels, 2,500 stations and 90 by over 25 per cent since pri-vatisation, but Railtrack may face a rougher industrial relatenance depots. The prospectus is littered with warn-ings about the need for hefty investment to maintain this tions battle Labour's commitment to infrastructure, but there is using the existing regulatory structure to tighten its grip on Railtrack threatens the huge potential for cost cutting and property sale. What emerges, therefore, is a classic utility but without the risks of unstable regula-tion which troubled, at times, on Railtrack infeatens the company's profitability. The gamble for investors is in de-ciding whether new Labour has the will to be genuinely water and electricity shares on their otherwise meteoric tough, rise. Unlike these industries, power. tough, assuming it comes to

The Guardian Tuesday April 16 1996

News in brief

Norwich calls vote on membership cut-off

NORWICH UNION will be asking its three million members at

NORWICH UNION will be asking its three million members at the May annual meeting to vote on giving the society the option of introducing a cut-off date for membership. If the UK's second largest mutual insurer decided to become a public limited company at a later date, this would exclude last-minute investors who had joined to cash in on conversion payouts. Chief executive Allan Bridgewater stressed yesterday that the amendment was simply a piece of "prudent contingen-cy planning" and did not imply any decision had been taken to demutualise.

demutualise. The group's future strategy, including the possibility of a flotation, was still under review, he said. No decision would be announced until "well into 1996". The amendment was necessary, he said, because the directors of a mutual insurer, unlike those in building societies, do not have the authority to intro-duce a cut-off date. -- Jill Papuorth

Texas boss collects £½m

LADBROKE, the leisure and gambling group, paid more than 5590,000 for the first nine months of last year to John Coleman, the Texas Homecare chief who resigned when his job was eliminated after the business was sold to Sainsbury. Mr Coleman was paid £200,000 for his contribution to the sale of the DIV operation £100 000 compensation for loss of office and

Mr Coleman was paid £200,000 for his contribution to the sale of the DIY operation, £100,000 compensation for loss of office and £106,000 in long-term incentives, Ladbroke said in its annual report. His basic salary was £140,000. He has also been given dispensation to exercise share options in the year to next Septem-ber. With Ladbroke shares up 1% p at 185 p yesterday, the options would yield just over £32,000 profit. — *Lisa Buckingham*

Nigeria a 'fraud hotspot'

THREEQUARTERS of British firms would not do business in Nigeria because of its reputation for fraud, according to a survey Auger to because of its reputation for it and, doct may be a very of "fraud hotspots". One-quarter said the same about eastern Europe, Russia and other parts of the former Soviet bloc. The survey, carried out by the accountancy firm KPMG through its offices in 18 countries, found the United States, Italy and Singapore were rated by international companies as poten-tial four trainer. tial fraud risks. More than half of those questioned said they knew of at least

one incident of fraud in their organisations in the past year. Forty-eight per cent said fraud was a big problem, with more than hat expecting the problem to worsen. - Dan Atkinson

Oil for troubled waters

EUROPE'S biggest oil company, Shell, which was pilloried last year for the attempted sinking of the Brent Spar oil rig and its involvement in Nigeria, admits in its annual report that it needs to gain a better understanding of the world. Writing in the annual report to shareholders, published yester-day, chairman John Jennings says: "We learned in 1955 that we need to have greater external focus if we are to create a better acceptence of the groun's business. Group companies must

acceptance of the group's business ... Group companies must inform and communicate better with the public."

Referring to the group's "licence to operate". Mr Jennings writes: "The events of the past year demonstrated the need to gain broader understanding and acceptance of our activities. Mr Jennings defends Shell's refusal to get involved in the fight to save the life of Ogoni campaigners led by Ken Saro-Wiwa: Whereas there are those who criticise the group for non-interfer ence in Nigerla, there is also considerable optnion that finds political interference unacceptable." — Roger Cowe

Amey on right lines

AMEY, the management and maintenance services group, ended its second year as a listed company with a rise in profit from 25.12 million to \$5.33 million. Chairman Neil Ashley said the group had no debts and was able to respond quickly to business opportunities. The largest acquisition to date, Amey Railwaya, was being funded without asking shareholders for cash and Mr Ashley believed that it would enhance the group's earnings per share. - Tony Moy.

rail has been operating under its regulator for some time Hardy shoots set to thrive prior to privatisation and there should be fewer regui-

HARDY Oil & Gas is in talks aimed at expanding its portfolio of oil and gas fields, after selling its US operations for £118 million to a new firm called Acquiror, backed by Enron Corp. Chairman Douglas Baker said the cash raised from the sale would help to develop its three main fields: in the North Sea, Bayu in the Thirds Sea and Miano in Patiettan He alenains to

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

FOR MEMBERS

OF BRISTOL & WEST

As you may already know, the Board of the Bristol & West Building Society yesterday

announced that it intends to recommend to Members that Bristol & West should become

part of Bank of Ireland Group.

Customers of Bristol & West are being sent a Notice explaining the reasons for the

decision together with a leaflet, Answers to Your Questions.

A free Information Line has been set up on 0800 886633. Lines will be open from

8,00 am to 8.00 pm Monday to Friday and 8.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturdays.

Full details about the transaction will be circulated in due course in a Transfer

Document for consideration at a Special General Meeting of the Society when eligible

Members will have the opportunity to vote on the proposal.

Members should note, however, that no decisions are to be taken

on this matter at the Society's Annual General Meeting on 19 April 1996.

n the Timor See and Miano in Pakistan. He a strengthen the group's hand in talks to expand elsewhere Mr Baker said the decision to get out of the US market though the group does retain options over various Guif a Mexico opportunities — had been taken because the cash could be used

better in funding other projects. - Tony May

Sweb owner has new targets

THE American company which bought South Western Electric-ity for £1.1 billion in September last year expects to have sold nearly half the company within the next two months. Bill Dahl-berg, president and chairman of Atlanta-based Southern Company of America, said his company would retain control of Sweb and reinvest the proceeds in "other quality companies". Mr Dahlberg, interviewed on the BBC's Financial World

Tonight programme, did not rule out buying another British electricity or water company. He refused to comment on a possible bid for South West Water, already targeted by Wessex Water and Severa Trant. — Nicholas Bannister

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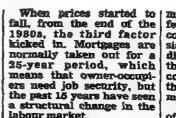
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LARRY ELLIOTT shows how new pattern of work has upset housing market

For some of those fam-ilies trapped in nega-tive equity, today's news from estate agents that the bousing market is at its strongest for two the answer to the answer to the the the mis-sionary zeal with which the first Thatcher government promoted the sale of coun-cil bouses meant that dur-ing the 1980s "mortgages years may be the answer to their prayers. If the evidence of higher turnover detected by the Royal Institution of Char-tered Surveyors translates tered Surveyors translates into a sustained period of rising prices it will bring succour by floating a chank of the million or so hard-pressed families out of lebt. Beguiling though this idea is, it has two main it is far too early to say whether the current sign of a pick-up in the bousing

of a pick-up in the housing market are the harbingers IER says the increase in ac-tivity was self-feeding, be-cause potential borrowers of a real recovery or simply another false dawn. The second is that for many felt they had to jump on the homeowners, any improve ment in market conditions will be too little too late.

Blue collar recession? Yoking these two factors together is the way the housing market has changed over the past 15 ears in response to the increase in owner-occupa-tion, financial deregulation and the shifting sands of the labour market. New evidence published day by the Institute for Employment Research at the University of Warwick provides a summary of what has happened since the Conservatives were first elected in 1979. Funded by the Joseph **Rowntree Foundation**, the



labour market. The IER report says that

started to break down, par-ticularly for those former council house tenants at-tracted to owner-occupafelt they had to jump on the bandwagon or risk being priced out of the market. Iton by the right-to-buy pro-gramme. Despite all the cries of anguish from the

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When prices started to middle classes over the past fall, from the end of the few years, the IER report 1980s, the third factor kicked in. Mortgages are sion of the 1990s was little different from any of those that preceded it, with "blue collar workers" bearing the brunt of the unemploy-

It adds that the transfer of former local authority homes to owner-occupiers would represent a net gain to society, provided that it resulted in the general standard of the mainte-

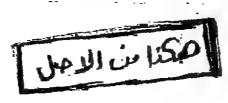
standard of the mainte-hance of the housing stock being improved. "But, if real incomes and job security have not im-proved for those groups who would normally have opted for local authority housing, then the net result is nothing more than an ex-change of the travail associ-ated with a council house tenancy for the anguish of realising difficult-to-meet mortgage repayments." The economic conse-quence of this imminent di-

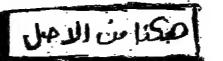
saster was the surge in repossessions in the early

The Government is committed to a trio of objectives — deregulated labour markets, increasing homeownership and diminished help for the unemployed — that are quite simply incompatible. Something has to give.

The political implication looks as if it will be equally profound. Thatcher's children feel betrayed: they are looking for somewhere else to pitch their tents.

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Racing Mezzogiorno for Nell Gwyn

Ron Cox says Wragg filly might prove a **Classic contender**

IGHT 1,000 Guineas entries do battle in the Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes at New-market today, but it will take something rather special from the winner to cause any-thing other than a minor themor in ante-post betting on the first fillies' Classic. No winner of today's Group

No winner of today's Group 3 race has gone on to take the Guineas since Oh So Sharp in 1985, although in 1993 Niche 1985, although in 1993 Niche beat Sayyedati into third place in the Nell Gwyn before Sayyedati turned the tables on the winner in the Guineas. Of today's Classic hopefuls, only Bint Salsabil, at 20-1, fig-ures in the top five in William

Hill's blg-race betting, Mezzo-giorno is on offer at 25-1 and Maid For The Hills at 33's. At this stage it is largely guesswork as to which filly has made the greatest strides during the winter. My guess is it might be Mezzogiorno, who certainly looked the type to train on following just three runs at two years. three runs at two years.

Trained by Geoff Wragg, who generally comes up with at least one genuine Classic contender each season, Mez-zoglorno need only reproduce the form of her one length second to Rio Duvida in the valuable Houghton Sales

Valuable Houghton Sales Stakes to go close today. She had Honest Guest two lengths back in third in a field of 30 runners, and the fifth-placed Tammia had pre-viously finished ahead of My Melody Parkes in the Moyg-lare Stud Stakes in Ireland. My Melody Parkes ran well against useful opposition on

m For Life

Wild Rumour, from the Wild Kumour, from the Chapple-Hyam stable success-ful with Myself last year, is one of them. But she may have a brighter future over

longer trins. Bint Salsabil, so disappoint-ing at Doncaster when de-serted by Willie Carson, bounced back to win the Rockfel Stakes at Newmarket in October. She may also be

In October: She may also be more of a stayer. There were encuises for Dar-ling Flame when she flopped in the Lowther Stakes, but there will be better fancied runners from the John Gos-den stable this week.

Perhaps the three to con-Pernaps the three to con-centrate on today are Mezzo-giorno (3.40). Bint Salsabil and Maid For The Hills. The last-named did not reappear after winning in July, but David Loder's runners are usually very fit first time out. The Goeden stable antici-nate on evoluting run from pate an exciting run from Pommard in Thursday's Cra-Pommard in Thursday's Cra-ven Stakes, and will be disap-pointed if Sacho (5.20) fails to make the grade in the Mu-seum Maiden Stakes today. Like much of the progeny of Sadler's Wells, Sacho is not inclined to over-exert himself on the gallops. But he has sharpened his act in recent work and a shot at the Darby

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beckons. Morgans Harbour has been installed 3-2 favourite with Ladbrokes for the Stakis Casinos' Scottish Grand National at Ayr on Saturday, but the 28 confirmed antries do not in-

clude Killeshin. John Manners, Killeshin's owner-trainer, failed to de-clare his Eider Chase winner at yesterday's acceptance stage and was unable to get him reinstated.

Addington Boy, also en-gaged in a valuable novice chase at Ayr, and General Wolfe are both 5-1 with Ladseveral occasions, but there Wolfe are both 5-1 with Lad-are others with more poten- brokes, followed by Lo Stregone on 6's.

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Kenya's Boston 1-2-3 party

Duncan Macizny in Boston (265,000) first prize and book a place in his country's Olym-

pic team. Indeed Kenya's decision to OSTON has not enjoyed a party like

this since a crate of hold their Olympic trials within this event made it in-evitable that Africans would tea was thrown into the harbour just over 220 years ago. Moses Tanui led home more than 50,000 run-ners in the 100th staging of dominate the race. Kenyans filled seven of the first 10 places including the top five, with Sammy Bitok second and Cosmas Ndeti, chasing an unprecedented fourth consecthe world's oldest annual marathon, first held in 1897 when 15 runners started from a line drawn in the dirt. utive title, third

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Uta Pippig of Germany pre-vented Kenya's monopoly ex-Tanui, last year's runner-up, became the seventh Kenyan winner in nine years, triumphing in 2hr 09min tending to the women's race when she caught and passed

collect the \$100,000 | Tegla Lorupe within sight of | last few miles Tanui and Bi-first prize and book a | the finish. Her winning time | tok broke Ndeti's resistance. his country's Olym- of 2.27.12 was the slowest of | Two million spectators, enher three victories, yet she is the first woman ever to win this race three years in a row. Ndeti led a group of 20 run-ners through halfway in a this race three years in a row. Ndeti led a group of 20 run. ners through halfway. in a world record pace of 63 min-tites 22 seconds but it slowed in the second half, especially as the leaders came out of the famous Newton Hills at around the 22-mile mark. has become stronger with there is the second half especially around the 22-mile mark. has become stronger with there is the second half especially the world half-marathon and the second half especially around the 22-mile mark. has become stronger with the second half especially has become stronger with the second half especially the world half-marathon and the second half especially the world half-marathon and the second half especially the world half especially the world half-marathon and the second half especially the world half-marathon and the second half especially the second half especially the world half especially the second half especially the world half especially the second half especially the world half especially the second half especial the second half e

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ARL PREAN and Chen Xinhua, the two table tennis players who have qualified for Great Brit-ain at the Olympic Games in July, were yesterday ex-cluded from the squad to defend England's bronze-medal position at the European Championships in Bratislava from April 28, writes Richard

Prean has refused to play for England all season and Chen has returned to live in Fukien, taking his Yorkshire wife and children to China with him.

Athletics

Iwan Thomas, the SR 3in Welshman, raced to fourth in the all-time UK 400 metres rankings with a 44.86sec vic-tory at a meeting in Johan-nesburg. Only the British re-cord holder David Grindley (44.47), the now retired Derek Redmond (44.50) and Roger Black (44.59) have run faster. Thomas, who was handl-Thomas, who was bandlcapped by a hamstring injury last season when his best was 45.58, said: "I'm hoping to win at least a relay spot in

Atlanta." South Korea's Hwang Young-jo, winner of the mara-thon at the Barcelona Olym-pics in 1982, is retiring because be did not win a place in the team for this year's Games. Last month, running In the women's race, Lor-upe crumbled as hadly as Greg Norman did at Augusta. with an ankle injury, he fin-She was 200 metres up with two miles left before she hit ished 29th in a competition to select the team.

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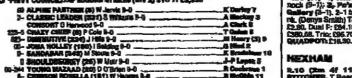
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Beresford regrets 'madness'

Michael Walker and Ian Ross

OHN BERESFORD. after his very public disagreement with Kevin Keegan at St James' Park. offered his man-ager an equally public apology yesterday. "I was totally out of order,"

said Newcastle United's left-back of Sunday's incident. "Tensions were running high with so much at stake [and] I cannot stress how sorry I am for two seconds of madness. I hope to pay the manager back by helping him win the champlonship trophy he deserves. There are still four games to go and all I can do is hope he gives me the chance."

That, however, must now be in doubt and Beresford can hardly be guaranteed a place at home to Southampton tomorrow. Keegan was full of praise for Robbie Elliott, who

The substitution came four minutes after Beresford's verbal altercation with Keegan. "The gaffer should some instructions which I did not feel suited me," said Beresford. "And I reacted stupidly. I swore and put him in a pre-dicament. He was right to bring me off."

Keegan, who signed Beres-ford from Portsmouth four

cepted a Charles cross only to scored, Keegan literally back chose to sit on the bench rather than disappear down the tunnel. Maybe that decision saved Beresford from further punishment.

Beresford will probably remain a valued member of the squad, According to Kee senior football for several gan the matter is finished and months. He has been told to he said after the Villa game: | rest after damaging knee liga-"I don't want to underesti- | ments in Saturday's 4-1 de-mate what John Beresford | feat at Chelsea.

Rugby League

has done for this club. Beresford has now res-ponded - "I spoke to the gaffer after the game and he's been better with me than I

see by tomorrow night's line-up what Keegan now thinks of his left-back. Uwe Rösler's increasingly stormy relationship with Manchester City may well end with a move to Sheffield Wednesday.

Six months after having a £3.5 million bid for the Ger-man forward rejected Wednesday are preparing a second offer which will be formally lodged after City's status next season has been decided

But Wednesday's manager David Pleat will now offer no more than £2.5 million. Al-though Rösler scored City's winning goal - against Wednesday - at the weekend, praise for Robble Elliott, who replaced Beresford in the 25th minute. The substitution of the 25th but collapsed in recent weeks. Duncan Ferguson's place in Scotland's European Champi onship squad this summer is again in jeopardy. The Ever-

ton striker has aggravated a groin injury and it is likely that he will shortly require a third bernia operation in only 12 months.

Everton's manager Joe Royle said: "The problem may clear up in the summer years ago, appeared to be tell-ing Beresford to get tighter on Aston Villa's right-back Gary Charles. Then, after Beresford inter-tonight's Merseyside derby at Codison Park.

Tomas Brolin may well lay it into the path of Dwight Yorke, who should have Leeds. The Swede's announcement at the weekend pulled Elliott off the bench that he will definitely seek to and on to the touchline to leave English football at the warm up. Beresford was then end of the season has infuri-called off and he left the field ated Howard Wilkinson, who shaking his head. But the full- paid Parma £4.5 million for the forward in November. Brolin has already been told he will take no part in

tomorrow night's game at Manchester United. Leeds's central defender John Pemberton will not play

Southampton, the club's second-choice strip was dropped At an Old Trafford press conference, convened pre-sumably at the behest of

... the Arsenai defender gets to grips with the Tottenham striker Chris Armstrong during the match at Highbury last night

United decide on no more grey days Arsenal's third time of asking may take Stubbs to Highbury

lan Ross on yesterday's decision to drop the strip that rendered the players invisible

HE more devout the embarrassed manufacamong Manchester United's admirers were left, amid "rip-off" ac-cusations, to dig deep into suffered one grey day too many. Their chances of a third Premiership title in their pockets again yesterday when the curious case of the invisible grey shirts four seasons were dented when they lost 3-1 to a was ironed out. Almost 48 hours after Bric Cantona and his colteam courting disaster all

After conceding three goals in the first half wearleagues had palled off the offending articles during the half-time interval at ing shirts in which they have lost four times and drawn once in five matches, the United players complained that they were unable to identify each other because of their kit colour and asked Graham

Poll, the match referee, for the home shorts and a permission to switch to change white sock." permission to switch to blue and white. Supporters contemplat-ing rebellion at the thought

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MATIONAL CONFERENCE: First Inform Thornhall v Moldgreen (6.30).

"That was positive, there's some good people in place there. We're not saying that we're going to find all the

answers in the first year, but

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"It has become incre of yet another replica kit were told by United's chairingly apparent that the players have found it diffiman Martin Edwards: "The plan that we have now ficult to identify each other due to the kit's colour," a United statement said yesnalised means that we will wear a new shirt next sea-son when appropriate and terday. "Both Manche United and Umbro wanted to react to this issue and as a gesture to our supporthave decided that as from ers we will offer a signifi-cant discount of £10 on that the end of this season the club will no longer wear

 Regiand have no plans to abandon their grey outfit, which was unveiled to critithe grey kit. "This is a decision made after taking the recent cal disapproval last month against Bulgaria. "Our problems into account and after lengthy discussions between the two parties players had no difficulty picking each other out and that was a night game," said the FA spokesman since Saturday. For the 1996-97 season we will register a white shirt as our change jersey, worn with Steve Double.

Bolton's impending releship has prompted a reopening of negotiations with Arsenal over the Burnden Park club's most valuable asset, the captain Alan Stubbs.

Arsenal's manager Bruce Rioch has already made two attempts to lure Bolton's central defender to Highbury this season but was unable to convince his former club then that a deal would be in their best interest.

Rioch has now offered a £3 million package which in-volves an initial down payment of £2 million and series of payments over 12 months. Bolton, however, value Stubbs at £3.5 million and have insisted any fee is paid in full at the time.

Chris Plummer of QPR and Everton's Jon O'Connor have received their first England Under-21 call-ups for the friendly against Croatia at Sunderland next Tuesday. Plummer, a 19-year-old de-

fender, has sat on Rangers' bench three times this season but has yet to play in the first team,

O'Connor, also 19, can play at right-back as well as in contral defence. He made his Premiership debut against Man-chester United in February, and has added three more appearances.

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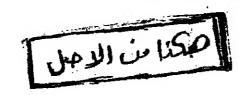
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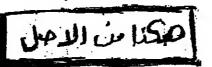


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Bowing to the pressure . . . another bad tee shot and Norman shows signs of strain during his disastrons final round at Augusta National

A giant tested to destruction

David Davies at Augusta reflects on the most extraordinary and harrowing collapse ever seen in the final round of a major

one, ever, going into the final day of any major champion-ship. By losing a six-stroke overnight lead, as did Greg Norman on Sunday at the US Masters, the Australian acquired the most damning of all in the history

NE awiul, almost unthinkable, stat-istic says it all. Faldo, with a round of 67, did This was the worst collapse by any-that he hoped the 1996 Mas-poing into the final bis stated and the source of the source of the source of the source of the poing into the final bis source of the poing into the final bis source of the source of the source of the source of the poing into the final bis source of the source of the source of the source of the bis source of the poing into the final term would be remembered for the source of the source of the source of the source of the poing into the final term source of the sou his good play. There was then a pause, before he added: choker at Shinnecock in the US Open of 1986 found himself "But I know it's going to be remembered for what hap-pened to Greg." In fact Fakio had recogbeing gripped fiscoly by the shirt and being offered a meeting after the round Paul Aringer, after some critical nised this much earlier, on words in a magazine, was

Norman hitting a final round of 76; and in 1993 he three-putted the second extra hole to lose a play-off with Azinger.

Norman has won the Open twice. It sursly should have been at least three for in 1989, in a play-off with Mark Calcs-vecchia and Wayne Grady, he had the thing won before he took three from the edge of the 17th and then drove into a bunker at the 18th. He finished up going out of bounds, never completing the hole. Look carefully at those mis-

But whatever else, the man is both a survivor and a supremely good loser. The cruel taunt that follows that latter assertion is that he has had the practice, for Sunday's demise was his 52nd second-place finish. That, though, is

unkind, for many never learn the kind of graciousness in defeat that seems to come naturally to Norman. Only Jack

separate TV contract for the International Championship. erable moments and it can be i Nicklaus has come close seen that Norman holds an-other sad statistic. He is the only man to lose a play-off for all four major championships. France already have a separate contract, yet Pugh has been lobbying Ireland, Scotland and Italy on the possibilwords speak for themselves. "I screwed up today, of course I did, I really screwed up. But ity of setting up a new Euro-pean competition without England unless they agree to a four-way split of TV money. Tony Hallett, the RFU secit's not the end of the world for me, it's really not. God, I'd love to be putting on a green jacket but I'm not going to fall off the face of the earth. Life's retary who attended yester-day's World Cup launch, said: "I would be most concerned going to continue." and even more surprised -

He went on: "You know, I'm secure for the rest of my if the World Cup semi-finals were taken away from Eng-land. I am not clear what he iffe, my kids will be secure and so will the kids' kids. I [Fugh] meant by his remarks think that's the most impor-on our Five Nations member-

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Rugby Union Pugh threat to England

Robert Armstrong | would unite English rugby in on a World Cup warning from Wales

NGLAND's prospects of staging matches in the 1999 World Cup

doubt yesterday. Vernon Pugh, chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union. refused to give an uncondi-tional guarantee that England will keep their original alloca-tion of games in the event of their Five Nations member-ship coming to an end. Eng-land are due to host both semi-finals in the 1999 tournament, which is based in Wales. Tom Kiernan, the Irish Rugby Football Union presi-dent who flanked Pugh at a World Cup presentation in Cardiff, admitted that Ireland would be prepared to stage additional World Cup additional World Cup matches should England's al-location be reduced or with-drawn altogether but hoped England's role in the 1989 com-petition would be unchanged. Pugh, who is also chairman of the International Board, suggested that "existing ar-rangements" vis-a-vis the Rugby Football Union's allocation of games were depen-dent on their working part-nership with the three other home unions remaining intact. Asked to give assurances that England's role in 1999 would have his continued support. Pugh sidestepped the issue, claiming that the Five PHOTOGRAPH: CURTIS COMPTON Nations Committee was the

a way that all our talks [with the clubs] have failed to do. . "I believe every nation should negotiate their own deal in this new high-tech

television era. France bave set that precedent in the Five Nations, so they (the other mions) can hardly say we are doing anything new. "We need the extra money

to develop the game and fund our clubs — it would not be our childs — It would hot be used to sustain inflationary wages for players. During this period of argument we would hope to secure the best financial future for England." Hallett added that Eng-

land's membership of the Five Nations "was not tied to Five Nations "was not tied to a joint TV contract". He also insisted that England's relationship with the WRU was "friendly and coopera-tive" despite Pugh's anger at England's perceived greed and self-interest in seeking a £150 million deal with BSkyB. Pugh, meanwhile, poured Fugh, meanwhile, poured cold water on a proposal that the winners of the Southern Hemisphere Triangular tour-nament involving New Zea-land, South Africa and Aus-tralia should play the Five Nations champions on an annual basic

Nations champions on an annual basis. Pugh suggested a regular North-South play-off between the respective hemispheres would be damaging to the World Cup and called on those involved in interna-tional tournaments to aban-

don any such plan. England will have to play the winners and the runnersup in a group that includes Austria, Yugoslavia, Israel, Ukraine and Switzerland in Nations Committee was the appropriate forum for such a matter. Today the Five Nations Committee is expected to issue a statement detailing its views on England's future membership should they keep to their sim of mercitating a order to qualify for the 1999 finals. Scotland must do likewise in a group consisting of

Bulgaria, Moldova, Croatia and Norway; Ireland's quali-fying group will involve Lux-embourg, Andorra, Hungary, Lithuania and Sweden, Wales to their aim of negotiating a as hosts do not have to qualify. "We have tried to avoid too

many mis-matches in an effort to increase the overall standard of rugby throughout the world," explained Leo Williams, the Australian chairman of Rugby World Cup. "We think some nations are rapidly improving their performance. Italy and Ar-gentina, for instance, were soundly beaten in 1991 but they proved vary competitive in 1995

 Paul Thorburn, the former Neath and Wales captain, has been appointed a tournament

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nore profound silence. No champion, surely, has ever walked up the 18th fairway, as did Nick Faldo, with a four-stroke lead and certain of victory, feeling sadness rather than elation. No green coat has ever been earned with less euphoria than this one want to give you a hug." With that, the two embraced and Norman began to cry, too. and no closing moments have

most and still managed to lose.

It was a desperately de-pressing sight. No champion-

ship has ever been won in a

ever been more tearful. What was witnessed was the complete disintegration of a champion golfer. Five play-In the clubhouse was Nick Price, Norman's best mate. He had been watching on tele vision but eventually he broke away. "This is upsetting," he said. "It hurts to watch. It's as have held a five-stroke lead going into the final round of a major, including making me sick to my stom-Ed Sneed in the 1979 Masters ach," and all those who heard him not only knew what he meant but felt it as well. and lost Arnold Palmer, in the 1966 US Open at the Olym-pic Club, built a seven-shot ead over the first nine holes

There is a reason for this. Greg Norman is a popular guy. He believes in the Ausof the final round and lost. But no one has ever come close to what Norman did, for tralian ethic of "mate-ship", he not only lost his six-stroke in clapping a man on the lead, he turned it into a five back, taking a few beers and

The Major contenders US PGA Walter Hages Ben Hogan Gary Player 2 Tom Watson Robby Jones -2 3 NICK FALDO larry Vardos 2 Lee Trevis J H Taylor es Braid ...

books: the man who led by the the 18th green, the moment confronted and Norman finished up saying: "You want a the final putts were holed. It piece of me?," meaning, sim-ply, a fight Azinger did not. Faldo, not a generally popu-lar man, recognises the char-acteristic in others, and speis a time for victor and van-guished to look each other in quished to look each other in the eye, to shake hands and say "Well done". Faldo, though, had difficulty in look-ing Norman in the eye for the simple reason that he was crying. He had prepared some words, but they did not come out Examinally he bhirted. "I cifically in Norman. Afterwards he said: "I hon-estly, genuinely feel sorry for him. What he has been out. Eventually he blurted: "I don't know what to say. I just through is horrible. If it had happened to me like that"

and his voice trailed away. He went on, though. "Greg's a great player, a great competi-tor, he really is. He a great guy, too. He's a credit to the game and the game needs him out there all the time. I think he's fantastic. The man's got the drive and the commit-ment and he'll be back."

That is certainly devoutly to be hoped for. But can the human psyche take the con-tinual rebuffs Norman has suffered in his career? Consider them, taking the Mas-ters first. In 1981 he was leading with nine to play when he snap-hooked his tee shot at the 10th, took six and vanished. In 1986 he needed a par at the last to join Jack Nick

laus in a play-off and pushe his shot miles right. The next year he lost to Larry Mize's 140ft chip-in in a play-off; and in 1989 he duffed a five-iron when he again needed a par for a play-off with Scott Hoch and Faldo. In the 1984 US Open he played awfully over the last three holes and then lost a play-off to Fuzzy Zoeller, and two years later there was Shinnecock when he was again the third-round leader. The US PGA has seen some distressing sights, too. In 1986 Bob Tway holed a bunker

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shot at the 18th to win, with

tant thing, that I've been able to do something for my family and for the future generations to set up something that will endure hundreds of years down the line. That's what makes me feel great.

"I am a winner. I just didn't win today. I'm not a loser. I'm not a loser in life, I'm not a loser in golf tournaments. I win golf tournaments and I've won more than my share [68 in all]. I wish I could 've won what Nick Faldo's won but l haven't. But I'm a winner and a perfectionist and that's how

Twe always been in my life. "I feel confident and my ap-proach to whatever I do is clothes were found to contra-vene the weight limit. Brit-ain's 19-year-old Olympic repthat I can do it. If I wanted to be a brain surgeon, and took the time to study it, I could do that Anyone can do whatever they want to if they dedicate themselves to it. It depends what you want out of life. I want to win the Masters. I didn't win the Masters, Nick Faldo won the Masters, so he's got something I haven't

"enjoyed my toys". They in-clude a \$4 million Bell 230 twin-engine helicopter; a \$28 crossing jet; an 87ft \$5 million custom-designed yacht, plus four other boats; two jet skis, two Harley-Davidsons, a l cedes and seven Ferraris. s, a Mer-

He plays with them con-stantly, they bring pleasure and excitement into a life that craves such things. But do they mean more than a

director of the 1999 World Cup. The 33-year-old Thornecessary were we to be ex-cluded. "If that happens it Welsh Development Agency. burn currently works for the Heavyweight blow for Ainslie

15 to 20-knot breezes. Winds fell to 10-12 knots in the second, with the top half of the 65 boats amalgamated to form the "gold" fleet, and Ainslie struggled home 17th before the disqualification was announced. He had hoped BEN AINSLIE suffered a Setback in the BP Laser World Championship yester day when he was disqualified from the eighth race after his to count this finish, having had a 19th place earlier. For the final day the de-

resentative thus slipped from second to third overall with fending champion Robert Scheidt of Brazil leads Germany's Stefan Warkalla by 20 points to 11, with Ainslie and two races to go in the champi-onship which is being held off Suneson on 10. Iain Percy, who started fourth overall, Simon's Town, South Africa. Ainslie was third in yester-day's first race, which had a tough day with a 26th Sweden's Karl Suneson led and a 16th but is still fifth in from start to finish in brisk the overall table.

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New-look Atherton is all smiles Bacher to compensate Surrey

Paul Weaver

Cricket

less fitted for the England NYS CAR captaincy than for Sean Penn's role in Dead Man Walking. His facial expression in South Africa recalled Les Dawson or Tony Hancock, and during the subse quent World Cup there was every sign that this once affable cricketer was also devaloping a news-media complex. All that is about to change, if yesterday's Cornhill Insur-

ance England Player of the Year lunch at the Roof Gardens in Kensington was any

IKE ATHERTON's trousers, turned up at 2.04 for body language this the 12.30 lunch, but in fact he had done splendidly to be there at all, having dashed straight from Gatwick on return from Lancashire's preseason tour of Jamaica. He greeted everyone with a

berry-brown smile and wel-comed the new England coach David Lloyd, who in turn promised everyone a more cheerful England captain this we came up against West Indies last year. I want to summer. The Mr Grumpy image is about in go: this was marry together the preparathe assurance. "I think Mike can identify

the problem himself and he does realize that this is an when it matters.

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guide. There were a few area he will have to brush up Lloyd, whose contract is for in said Lloyd. ton, wearing a pair of casual "This season he will be a trousers, turned up at 2.04 for happier character. He also speaking and is a popular radio commentator, yet has knows that I shall be there for him, as I shall be for all the players. I know Mike: he can proved a sharp and original be a temperamental lad who doesn't like losing. I feel comthinker on the game.

"David brings this great sense of joy to the players," said Atherton, who took part in one match in Jamaica and fortable with him. "This seeson I want Eng-land players to put on a smile and show everyone they are enjoying it. We can play really well, as we did when scored a century. "But he's also right up with the game and its theories and techniques."

Dominic Cork is wearing a smile already. Yesterday the Derbyshire all-rounder was tion, the rest periods and the Derbyshire all-rounder was actual playing to ensure presented with a silver trophy and cheque for \$7,500 as Comhill's Player of the Year. everyone is right on song

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SURREY have been given an apology and are to receive compensation from the United Cricket Board of Graham Gooch yesterday dropped his strongest hint yet that this could be his last summer with Essex. At the county's press day he South Africa for the loss of Brian McMillan as their said: "Ideally I would like overseas player. McMillan signed a deal to replace Wagar Younis but, following pressure from Ali Bacher, managing director of the UCB, withdrew be-

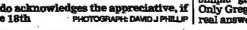
cause of his busy interna-Ben Smith (123) and Paul Nixon (100) carried Leices tershire to 299 for four de-Surrey have since signed clared against Oxford Uni-Australia's left-arm pace bowler Brendon Julian. The Glamorgan allversity at The Parks yesterday. The county had started the second day on rounder Roland Lefebvre has been forced to retire be-cause of pelvic damage suf-139 for four. The students were 133 for four at the

Real Space - - - -

Winning wave ... Faldo acknowledges the appreciative, if muted, applause at the 18th PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID J PHILLE

tional programme.

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got — yet." When talking about his mil-lions he added that he also million Gulfstream ocean-

Sailing

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ship. We have a strong desire

to remain in the Five Nations and it would be sad and un-



Arsenal draw home comfort

Martin Thorpe

OTTENHAM look as if they will be ho-

was given extra spice by the fact that both teams were chasing the Uefa Cup place on offer for finishing fifth in the Premiership.

he has tackled the tough task of following George Graham. For Gerry Francis, life at Tottenham has been a matter ing the Spurs captain Mab-butt an exhaustive test on his static for the way ing ham and Armstrong, Spurs did not create a clear chance until the 32nd minute, when the lather curled an 18-yard shot just outside Seehe deserves credit for the way

Arsenal now employ a | ing partnership of Shernto the gam

casion, however, his shooting was not up to the standard of the genre. As the second half wore on,

Tomenham slowly came back

their shared trial in the sun-light and shadows of Georgia such thoughts should be taken on Sunday, both men gave us out and shot - but only after something more of them-

shirts, the too-blond hair —

picion of arrogance in both

But during the course of

often on edge.

about the Australian, the sus-

men. As they celebrated their good fortune, the teeth were

lidavin aproad later this year rather than competing there after a goalless draw left their North London rivals in the driving seat for a place in Europe.

Spurs really needed to win. but their only consolation was that Darren Anderton came on for 13 minutes at the end, his first senior football in seven months.

What would have been a limited-interest local derby on Bergkamp and Platt, but

already catered for in Europe next season, a mini race involving three or four sides has developed beneath the tussle for the title. For either of these two

teams to win it would be a fitting reward for both managers' efforts this season.

land coach Terry Venables as anybody, to see Anderton inter the fray. Venables will be happy, too, to hear that Tony Adams, out

team with a cavalier tradition

in an attempt to turn sternal

He has had his problems along the way: the InterToto

John Duncan on

a potential bonanza

THIS season's Premier-ship title will be de-cided by a play-off be-tween Newcastle United and Manchester United if the teams finish level on points, goal difference and apple second And Stre house

will meet to decide the for-

mat of the play-off.

in pay-per-view

promise into trophies.

injured since January, plans comeback in the Arsenal each one over the bar. reserves this Saturday.

man's far post. The half-time break was return from injury. But for all their chances b bordered by two errors, either of which could have led fore the break, Arsenal could not score. Bergkamp and Merto breaking the deadlock. First, Fox tried an audacious son shot over and, when

back-heel in his own area not the place to try such things - and let in Winter-burn who shot wide. Then a mix-up between Keown and Parlour freed Howells, whose run into the area finished

with a pass to Sheringham who also shot wide.

finding Merson inside the area only for the floppy-haired forward to deposit each one over the har ach one over the bar. Despite their 44-goal strik-ratical than ever. On this oc-

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sustained pressure on the Arsenal defence than they had experienced all evening. Their best chance came on 66 minutes when Sheringham fed Armstrong in the area But the striker stopped, along with the Arsenal defenders, waiting for the offside flag. When none appeared Arm-strong then shot wide to sum up a game littered with near-

Arsemaj: Sesman; Dixon, Ksown Julghan, Marshall, Wimerburn, Merson Helder, 72minj, Platt, Parlour, Bergkump

Walker; Wilson, Campbe 79 Mehant, Edinburgh, Ex Dozzeli (Anderton. concentration that had fuelled his four-day pursuit of the

they have asked themselves what Nick Faldo thought selves, something better and, perhaps, truer. And as a result about when he went to bed or Saturday, six strokes adrift of they may never look the same in the eyes of the world again. Greg Norman and with 18 Norman's prolonged torholes to play. Did the thought nent was terrible to see. noof winning the Masters for the where more cruelly exposed third time cross his mind? Did than in the dreadful, stiffhe put himself under pressure? You bet he did. wristed 2ft second putt that wobbled past the hole at the 11th. That was where the lead If you aren't prepared to put yourself under pressure. you shouldn't be taking the changed hands and where

Faldo must have known the money. And what we saw on tournament was his. Sunday was the best sight in But as Norman came apart sport, the justification of the in front of his eyes, Faldo showed no reaction. He was whole competitive ideal: grace under pressure from too busy maintaining the iron winner and loser alike.

Gavid Davies, page 15

was asked whether he thought

the current poor form of the

England team gave him a

chance of a Test place. "I'm not going to put myself under pressure by thinking about

playing for England." he said

Wheever feeds these boys

Bruce Rioch may have discovered that the overhaul of Arsenal requires something more drastic than just bolting

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Wright was put through by the Dutchman only to be brought down by Edinburgh fiasco and the resulting ban from Europe, later rescinded, and the loss through injury for much of the season of An-25 yards out, Bergkamp even directed the free-kick too derton, arguably his best player. It was a relief, as Two of Arsenal's best early much for the watching Engchances came from breaks, Parlour down the right, then Bergkamp down the laft, both finding Merson inside the

Play-off will decide title race

if Uniteds finish in dead heat

The options will be a two-

legged home and away af-fair or a single Wembley match with a replay if

necessary. Sky Sports has stressed

on several occasions that there are no plans for pay-

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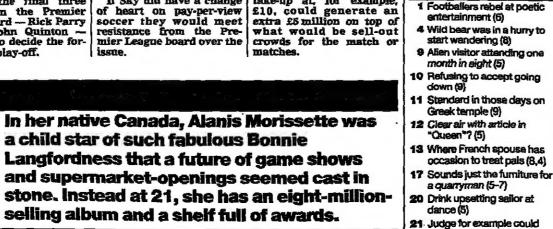
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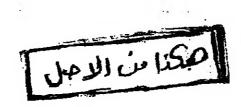
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However, the extra reve-nue involved may tempt the two clubs to put pressure on the Premier League. Sky on the Premier League. Sky is available in five million households and 2.9 million people watched the recent league match between the two sides. A 10 per cent take-up at, for example, £10, could generate an extra £5 million on top of what would be sell-out crowds for the match or Acros 1 Foot ente 4 Wild start 9 Alien

"For a start this is a remote possibility." said a Premier League spokesman yesterday, "and the format of any such game has not been decided. "No games can be put on pay-per-view without the explicit permission of the Promier League and wo per-view soccer. However, there is a clause in the cur-Premier League and we rent TV contract that al-lows it to switch specific have not had any reason to consider the matter yet. It Premiership games to pay-per-view, though only with the explicit permission of has not been an issue so far and we have no plans to change the current opera-tion of the contract." After the huge financial success of the Bruno v Tyson world title fight the question could be tenta-

goals scored. And Sky have an option to make the game what is normally a remote possibility has be-come increasingly probable with United's goal record 64-35 and Newcastle's tively raised again for what would be the biggest domestic match since Arsenal won the title at Anfield in 62-35. If Newcastle win their game in hand 2-0 and the team's match each

1989. If Sky did have a change other in the final three games then the Premier League board - Rick Parry and Sir John Quinton -

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